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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DEC	Department of Environmental Conservation
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOH	Department of Health
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FS	feasibility study
FUSRAP	Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program
HTRW	Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste
NCP	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
NYS	New York State
RI	remedial investigation
U.S.	United States
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1.0: Overview of the Community Relations Plan

The United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, developed this community relations plan to provide a framework for community relations activities for the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site located in Lockport, New York, and to comply with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 300.430 (c) (2).

FUSRAP was initiated in 1974 to identify, investigate, and if necessary, clean up or control sites throughout the U.S. that were contaminated as a result of activities conducted in support of the Nation's early atomic energy and weapons program. When implementing FUSRAP, the Corps follows the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, more commonly called the National Contingency Plan (NCP).

This community relations plan defines the scope and focus of the Corps' public participation activities during the feasibility study (FS) phase of the project and presents an organized, targeted approach for effective communication and positive, beneficial community relations. Including this overview section, this plan contains five sections: Section 2 provides a capsule description of the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site, Section 3 provides background information about the community surrounding the site, Section 4 presents the community relations program, and Section 5 lists the documents used to develop this plan. The Appendices provide federal, state and local contacts and available resources.

2.0 Capsule Site Description

2.1 Site History

From 1948 to 1956, in addition to the production of steel and steel alloys, the area now known as the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site was being operated by Simonds Saw and Steel Company, as a contractor for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) to roll uranium steel billets into rods. The uranium metal billets were received from off-site sources via railcar and were shipped back off site via railcar after rolling to contract specifications. Records indicate that Simonds Saw and Steel processed between 25 million and 35 million pounds of natural uranium metal and approximately 30,000 to 40,000 pounds of thorium metal during that time.

2.2 Site Description/Location

The Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site is located in the south eastern corner of the City of Lockport, in Niagara County, New York (Figure 1). The 70-acre site is bordered by residential and commercial properties to the north, Ohio Street to the east, the New York State (NYS) Barge Canal to the south, and Route 93 to the west.

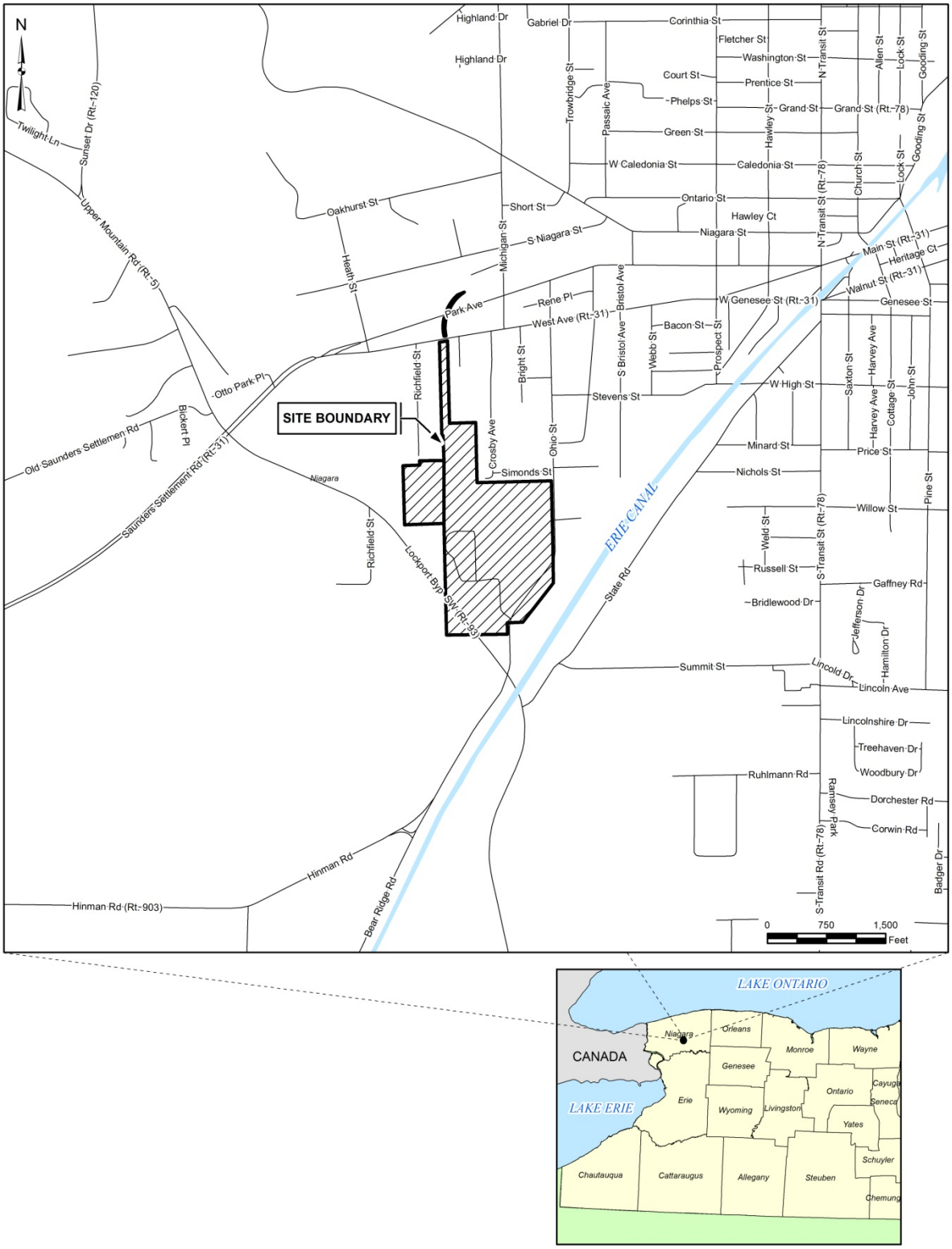


Figure 1: Site Location

The site is located approximately one mile southeast of the west branch of Eighteen Mile Creek and 200 feet north of the northeast-southwest flowing Erie Barge Canal. An active dolostone quarry is located approximately 0.1 miles southwest of the site. There is a residential area along the northern border of the site.

As shown in Figure 2 on the next page, the property is grouped into three areas: the 52-acre Allegheny Technologies, Inc., Allvac, property, which includes several buildings that have not been associated with AEC activities; the nine-acre landfill area, located in the northwest corner of the site; and the nine-acre excised property, which includes 10 buildings associated with AEC activities, located in the southeast corner of the site. Allegheny Technologies, Inc., Allvac, operates a specialty steel manufacturing facility in the southwest portion of the property. The nine-acre landfill area ceased operations as a waste disposal area in 1981. The nine-acre excised area that contains the buildings once used to roll uranium metal is abandoned and chain-link security fence surrounds the dormant buildings.

The site's industrial use has destroyed much of the original ecological habitat on the site. Future land uses being considered for the site are light industrial/commercial purposes. Geologic features include an overburden layer that ranges from 4 to 13 feet in depth before bedrock is reached. There are two federally listed threatened species in Niagara County, the bald eagle, *haliaeetus leucocephalus*, and the eastern prairie fringed orchid, *plantanthera leucophea*. The site is not within the limit of a 100-year or 500-year floodplain and does not contain any surface water bodies such as ponds or streams. A low-lying seasonal wetland that is unregulated exists off the site immediately south and west of the landfill area.

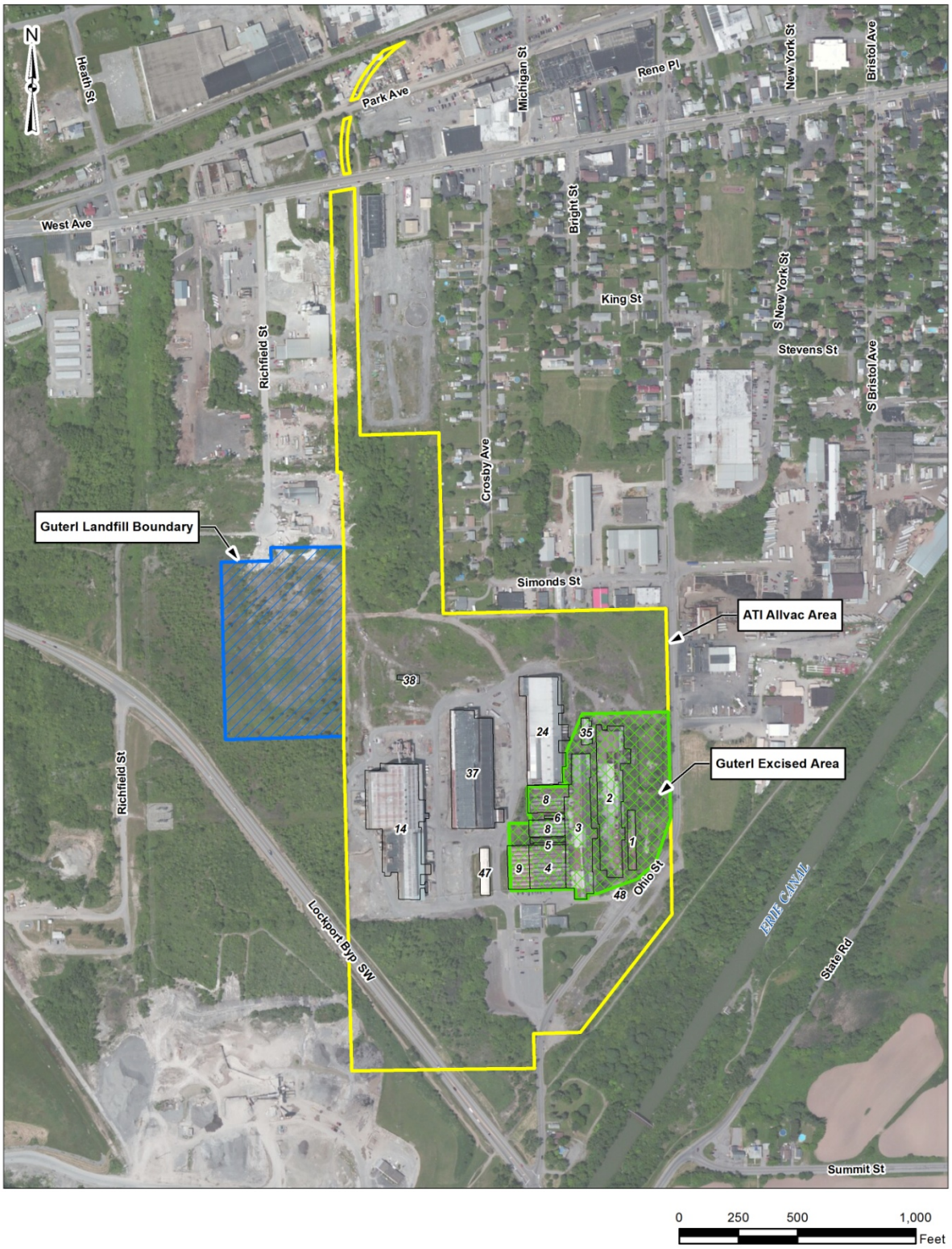
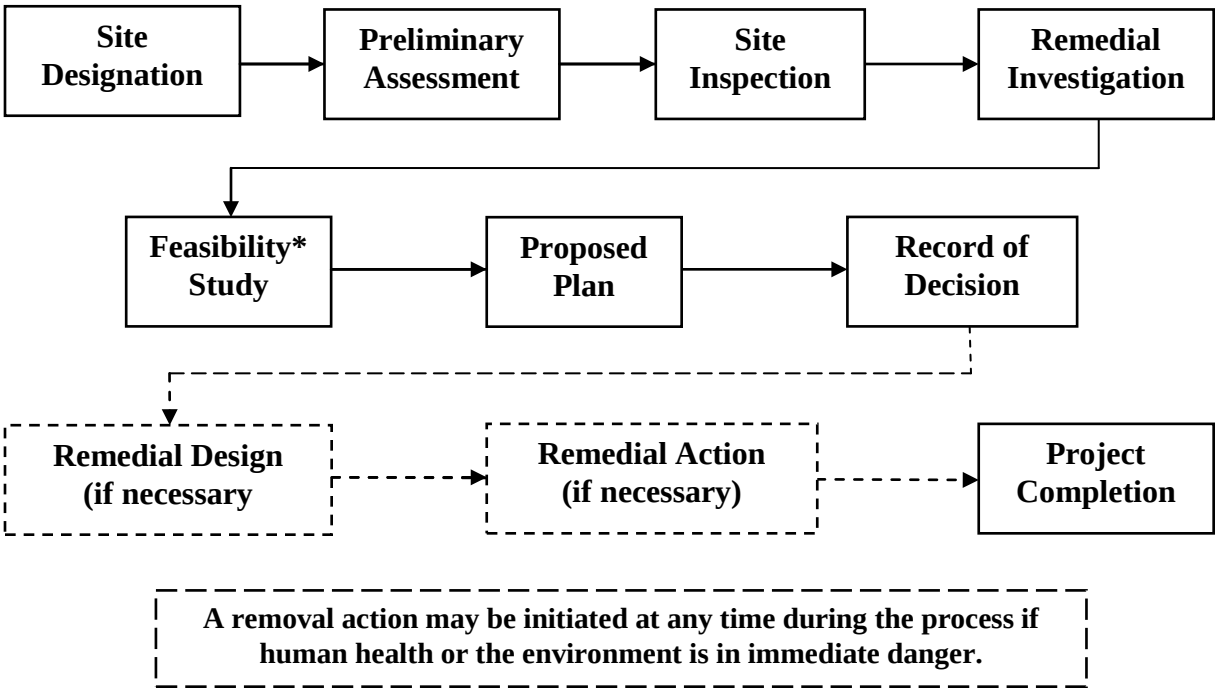


Figure 2: Site Areas

2.3 Site Inspections and Cleanup Activities

A chart outlining the CERCLA Process along with an explanation of each phase is provided below.

CERCLA Process



**The Guterl Specialty Steel Company FUSRAP Site is currently in the feasibility study phase of the CERCLA process*

Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection

- To determine whether environmental contamination from past federal activities on a site poses a potential threat to human health and the environment that requires further investigation.

Remedial Investigation

- To determine the nature and extent of contamination resulting from past federal activity.
- To evaluate the fate and transport of contaminants through site media (e.g. groundwater, surface water, etc.).
- To assess potential human health and ecological risks resulting from contaminants in the environment.

Feasibility Study

- To identify and evaluate potential cleanup technologies and develop remedial response alternatives.
- To conduct an initial screen of technologies based on effectiveness, implementability and cost.
- To assemble remedial alternatives from the technologies retained after the initial screening process.
- To perform a detailed analysis and evaluation of each remedial alternative based upon its:
    1) Overall protection of human health and the environment;
    2) Compliance with Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs);
    3) Long-term effectiveness and permanence;
    4) Reduction of toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment;
    5) Short-term effectiveness;
    6) Implementability; and
    7) Cost.

Proposed Plan

- To document the lead agency's preferred remedial alternative.
- To seek and consider comments from federal and state environmental regulatory agencies.
- To seek and consider comments from the public through a mandatory minimum 30-day public review period.

Record of Decision

- To document the lead agency's selection of the remedial alternative based upon the remedial investigation, the feasibility study, and comments received from federal and state regulatory agencies and the public on the proposed plan.

Remedial Design (if necessary)

- Detailed designs, plans, specifications, and bid documents for conducting the remedial action are developed during this phase.

Remedial Action (if necessary)

- Upon approval of the remedial design, remedial action (the actual construction and implementation of the selected remedial alternative) is initiated. The remedial action is conducted until the remedial action objectives are achieved.

Site Closeout

- Documents and demonstrates that the executing lead agency completed the response action in accordance with the record of decision and in compliance with CERCLA, as amended, and the NCP.

Long-Term Management

- Certain remedies may require a period of operation and maintenance, after the remedy is implemented, before the remedial action objectives and cleanup criteria are achieved.

- In the NCP, if a remedial action is selected that results in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, the lead agency shall review such action no less often than every five years after initiation of the selected remedial action; this includes site monitoring, if necessary, to ensure the effectiveness of the response.
- Under FUSRAP the Corps of Engineers is responsible for conducting the first two years of any necessary operations and maintenance and/or site monitoring following remedy completion, after which the site is turned over to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for long-term stewardship.

The DOE determined that the former Simonds Saw and Steel Site (the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation Site) was eligible for inclusion in FUSRAP in 2000. The Corps conducted a Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection in 2001, which concluded that there was no immediate threat to human health or the environment at the site. However, because of the potential for FUSRAP-related contaminants to pose a threat to human health and the environment in the future, it was recommended that the site proceed to the remedial investigation (RI) phase to further characterize FUSRAP-related materials associated with past government contract activities.

The Corps completed a Data Gap Analysis Report in 2005 which was used to develop site specific work plans for the RI during 2006 (Site Safety & Health Plan, Gamma Walkover Survey Plan, Field Sampling Plan, and Quality Assurance Plan).

Field sampling data for the RI was obtained between June 2007 and December 2007. Activities performed during the RI field data collection were to identify and evaluate the extent of residual radioactive contamination (uranium and thorium) in surface soil, subsurface soil, groundwater, surface water, sediments (Erie Canal), buildings, and the landfill area.

Findings from the 2010 RI report are listed below:

- There are currently no imminent threats to human health or the environment due to FUSRAP-related materials on the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site.
- The RI confirmed the presence of, and added new information about the nature and extent of thorium and uranium contamination at the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site.
- Soil and groundwater contamination was documented above RI screening levels [levels established by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to assist in defining the nature and extent of contamination] within the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site.
- Some degree of FUSRAP-related material was detected above background in the Excised Area including all of the buildings, the soil, and the utility surface water/sediments.
- The most heavily contaminated buildings in the Excised Area are Buildings 6 and 8, primary buildings used for receiving, heating, rolling, packaging, and shipping uranium metal.
- Shallow bedrock groundwater on the site is impacted by FUSRAP-related materials.

- Surface water and sediment samples collected from the Erie Canal did not indicate FUSRAP-related impacts.

Following the release of the RI report, the Corps performed an analysis to identify any gaps in the RI data. Because deeper groundwater below the site was not sampled during the RI, additional data collection was recommended to determine the full vertical and horizontal extent of the groundwater contamination. The data gap investigation included the installation of 17 additional groundwater monitoring wells, aquifer testing, additional groundwater sampling and analysis, sampling of groundwater seeps, and supplemental groundwater and seep monitoring for one year following the start of the investigation.

The data gap investigation report, completed in 2012, indicated that multiple wells show low-level uranium impacts to groundwater and to some groundwater seep samples discharging into the Erie Canal. Impacts to the surface water of the Erie Canal were not observed. The Corps continues to monitor groundwater, Erie Canal seeps, and surface water in the Erie Canal, annually.

The Corps is currently preparing a feasibility study to develop remedial alternatives, which would be appropriate to mitigate potential future unacceptable risks from exposure to FUSRAP-related contamination at the site.

3.0 Community Background

3.1 Community Profile

The City of Lockport is the second largest city in Niagara County with a population of 21,165 indicated in the 2010 U.S. Census.[1] The 2010 U.S. Census also indicates that there are 10,092 housing units within the City of Lockport and that the median family income is $61,070 in Niagara County.

The City of Lockport is governed by a mayor that serves a four-year term. It also has a common council with a president and six aldermen. The Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site is located in the Third Ward of the City of Lockport.

The Lockport Public School System has an elementary school that is 2.4 miles from the site; and a high school that is 1.7 miles from the site. The Lockport Memorial Hospital is 2.8 miles from the site. The closest park, Altro Park, is within a mile from the site on South Transit Road. There are several shopping facilities within two miles of the site.

3.2 History of Community Relations

A news release announcing that the Corps of Engineers Buffalo District would be investigating the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site was released on October 5, 2000. The news

[1] Reference: U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Population Finder http://www.census.gov/popfinder/ downloaded September 6, 2013

release indicated that citizens interested in participating in a community assessment for the site should contact the Corps. A local television station carried the news story and many members of the community contacted the Corps to participate in the community assessment.

Briefings were conducted by the Corps with employees that were working on the Allegheny Ludlum portion of the site in 2001. The Corps conducted an afternoon and an evening project information session in February 2001. Approximately 150 people attended each meeting. Community participants at these meeting were mostly local residents. Many participants had family members that had previously worked, or currently worked, at the site and they were interested in the U.S. Department of Labor's Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program. A representative from the DOE was in attendance at both meetings. Community assessment questionnaires were distributed at the meetings.

Newsletters were mailed to the community in June 2007 and March 2008. An information session was conducted regarding the RI report in October 2010 with approximately 46 in attendance. A newsletter was also mailed to the community in February 2012 regarding the findings of the Data Gap Investigation. The Corps of Engineers, during April 2012, assisted the Niagara County Health Department with performing a well survey to determine whether residential wells were being used in the area surrounding the site.

3.3 Key Community Concerns

The following concerns were identified from input received from the community:

- Health-related impacts from working in radiologically contaminated areas after AEC activities were completed at the site.
- Health-related impacts due to living near the site including from drinking well water in the area for a long period of time and concern for pets drinking surface water.
- Eligibility for the worker's compensation program started by the DOE, researched by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and administered by the Department of Labor.
- The nature and extent of contamination at the site and the development of cleanup criteria for the site that will be protective of human health and the environment.
- The disposition of potentially contaminated equipment sold to other steel mills, or sold for scrap, or recycling and trespassers removing recyclable materials from the buildings and selling them.
- Being kept informed of the outcome of Corps investigations and activities at the site.
- Being provided with adequate and meaningful opportunities for involvement in the decision-making process.

3.4 Response to Community Concerns

The Corps values the input received from the community and welcomes their continued involvement in the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site. The goal of this plan and its implementation is to address the community's information and participation needs to the extent allowed by law and within the agency's resources.

The initial information session for the site was scheduled by the Corps during December 2000, but inclement weather caused the meeting facility to close for the day and the session to be postponed. Corps representatives contacted those that had participated in the community assessment interviews to let them know the meeting was cancelled. While making these calls the Corps discovered that those most interested in the site were elderly. The people that were contacted indicated that they would not have been able to attend the information session because it was being held at night and they didn't drive when it was dark. When the Corps rescheduled the session, an afternoon session was scheduled as well as an evening session so that those that did not drive at night could attend.

Also in response to concerns expressed during the community assessment interviews the Corps invited the DOE to participate in the information sessions conducted in February 2001. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Labor and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program participated in the information session regarding the RI report conducted during October 2010. The Corps coordinates outreach activities with the property owners, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Labor, the Department of Labor's Division of Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the NYS Department of Health (DOH), and the Niagara County DOH when planning meetings.

Many of the public concerns identified by the community were addressed as the Corps progressed through the CERCLA process for the site. Major CERCLA documents are posted to the site webpage[2] upon completion. A postal mailing list is maintained to ensure interested parties receive information in a timely manner. The community is able to provide information or make inquiries electronically through fusrap@usace.army.mil, through a link on the website, by postal mail, or by calling a toll-free number.

Upon completion and release of the 2012 Data Gap Analysis Report, the Corps of Engineers assisted the Niagara County Department of Health with the performance of a well survey for the area surrounding the site. Corps investigations of groundwater do not indicate uranium contamination in groundwater is flowing toward residential areas.

3.5 Summary of Communication Needs

The majority of those interviewed through the community assessments prefer to receive information about site activities as it becomes available through either newsletters or information sessions. Responses were split between afternoon and evening as the best time for meetings. *The Lockport Union Sun and Journal* and the Sunday edition of *The Buffalo News* were the newspapers that were most frequently subscribed to.

[2] http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/GuterlSteelSite.aspx

4.0 Community Relations Plan

4.1 Community Relations Goals and Plan

The Corps is committed to informing and involving the public as it moves through the CERCLA process for the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site. The following overall goals for the community relations program will attempt to address the expressed concerns of the community. The Corps will:

- Foster and maintain a climate of understanding and trust between the public and the Corps;
- Ensure protection of human health and the environment;
- Encourage and enable all interested members of the public to be involved and provide input;
- Foster opportunities for genuine dialogue regarding issues of importance to the community;
- Prepare information and provide opportunities for the public to fully understand, ask questions about, and provide input on the complex technical issues involved in decision-making for remediation of the site;
- Listen carefully to what the public expresses;
- Identify and act responsively on public concerns; and
- Allow for flexible planning to enable public comments or concerns to be considered during decision-making and prior to execution of actions.

The Corps' community relations goals and the community's expressed needs will be considered and balanced with the project's technical and scientific requirements as well as limitations on funding, staffing, and legal and contracting actions. The Corps of Engineers will focus its community relations efforts on obtaining public input on issues that are most important to the community.

The following plan is based on responses received during community interviews and addresses each issue that was identified as being important to the community.

<u>Concern 1 and 2</u>: Health-related impacts from working in radiologically contaminated areas after AEC activities were completed at the site, health-related impacts due to living near the site including from drinking well water in the area for a long period of time, and health-related impacts to pets drinking surface water.

Activity 1: The Corps evaluates risk, but does not determine potential health-related impacts. The Corps will continue to involve representatives of state and local agencies in the planning and review process for the site. Representatives from agencies that do evaluate health-related impacts will be invited to participate during any public meetings or information sessions.

- **Objective**: Provide agencies with accurate project information so they can assess and convey potential health-related impacts to constituencies and provide the public with a resource for accurate information regarding health-related impacts.

- **Method**: Coordinate with the New York State Department of Health and Niagara County Department of Health representatives that are identified in Appendices B and C.
- **Timing**: The Corps will engage these agencies as necessary to discuss project progress.

Concern 3: Eligibility for the worker's compensation program started by the DOE, researched by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and administered by the Department of Labor.

Activity 3: Coordinate concerns related to this subject with the Department of Labor's Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation.

- **Objective**: Provide the public with a resource for information regarding the compensation program.
- **Method**: Mr. David SanLorenzo is the manager of the New York Resource Center for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, 6000 North Bailey, Suite 2A, Amherst, NY 14226. Inquiries or claims may be made by calling (716) 832-6200 or toll free (800) 941-394.
- **Timing**: As required.

Concern 4: The nature and extent of contamination at the site and the development of cleanup criteria for the site that will be protective of human health and the environment.

Activity 4: Prepare and distribute site fact sheets, newsletters, technical summaries and reports.

- **Objective**: Provide citizens with current, accurate, easy to read, and understandable information about the Corps' investigation into the nature and extent of contamination at the site and the development of a remedy for the site that will be protective of human health and the environment.
- **Method**: Fact sheets, technical summaries, and reports will be made available on the web. Newsletters will be mailed to all parties on the site mailing list.
- **Timing**: The Corps will prepare fact sheets, technical summaries, reports, and newsletters, and post to the website or distribute as new information becomes available.

Concern 5: The disposition of potentially contaminated equipment sold to other steel mills, or sold for scrap, or recycling and trespassers removing recyclable materials from the buildings and selling them.

Activity 5: Maintain contact with the DOE in regard to this concern. The Corps is not authorized to address this matter. The potential for a site to be added to FUSRAP is determined by the DOE. The federal government is not the property owner and therefore does not control access to the site by trespassers.

- **Objective**: Provide DOE with information obtained from the public so that a determination can be made regarding potential FUSRAP sites caused by the potential distribution of FUSRAP-contaminated equipment and materials.
- **Method**: Email notification to DOE Office of Legacy Management.
- **Timing**: As information becomes available.

Concern 6: Being kept informed of the outcome of Corps investigations and activities at the site.

Activity 6A: Designate the Outreach Program Specialist as the point of contact for questions related to site activities.

- **Objective**: Provide a single point of contact to ensure prompt, accurate, and consistent responses and information dissemination about the site.
- **Method**: [redacted] is currently the Outreach Program Specialist and will handle site inquiries and serve as a point of contact for community members. In those instances where the Outreach Program Specialist may be unable to provide adequate information (such as on technical matters), inquiries will be directed to the appropriate contact.
- **Timing**: As required.

Activity 6B: Provide a toll-free "800 number" and an e-mail address for the community to contact the Corps.

- **Objective**: Enable citizens to receive the latest information available when they want it rather than having to wait for a meeting or a fact sheet.
- **Method**: The toll-free number and e-mail address will be included in any news releases, fact sheets and advertisements made that pertain to the site.
- **Timing**: Both the toll-free line, 1-800-833-6390 option 4, and the e-mail address, fusrap@usace.army.mil, are currently operational.

Activity 6C: Maintain a mailing list for the site.

- **Objective**: Facilitate the distribution of site-specific information to everyone who needs or wants to be kept informed about the site.
- **Method**: The Corps established a mailing list compiled of addresses provided during community assessment interviews and from public information session sign-in sheets. The Corps also reviewed the Niagara County Tax Assessor's database and added residences in the immediate area of the site to the mailing list.
- **Timing**: Maintain the mailing list on a continual basis.

Activity 6D: Establish and maintain the administrative record file for the site.

- **Objective**: Provide a convenient location where residents can go to read and copy official documents and other pertinent information about the site and Corps activities. The administrative record file will provide the public with a repository of documents, resources, etc. used by the Corps Project Delivery Team in reaching decisions about the site.
- **Method**: The administrative record file for the site is available in the Lockport Public Library, 23 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14095 and by appointment in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District Office, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207.
- **Timing**: Ongoing.

Activity 6E: Establish a website.

- **Objective**: To provide a publicly accessible repository with current, accurate, and understandable information about Corps activities.

- **Method**: The Corps website for the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site is: http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/GuterlSteelSite.aspx
- **Timing**: Ongoing.

Activity 6F: "Beyond the Headlines" website postings

- **Objective:** Correct factual errors or omissions in media reports on Corps projects.
- **Method:** A "Beyond the Headlines" section will be created in the News section of the Corps website for the site at: http://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/GuterlSteelSite.aspx
- **Timing:** "Beyond the Headlines" postings will be added to the website as necessary.

Activity 6G: Social media

- **Objective:** Expand the dissemination of information beyond those that have expressed an interest in the site in the local community.
- **Method**: Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, YouTube, and Pinterest will be used when pertinent.
- **Timing**: The Corps will explore using social media for the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site as the opportunity presents itself.

Activity 6H: Publish announcements of report availability, comment periods, public meetings and information sessions.

- **Objective:** Ensure that the full community is informed about Corps activities for the site.
- **Method:** Create and post a display ad in local newspapers to include *The Buffalo News, Niagara Edition* and the *Lockport Union-Sun & Journal*. Announcements will be formatted to provide the following information at a minimum:
  - Date, times, and location for the meeting;
  - Statement of purpose for the meeting;
  - Proposed agenda and structure of the meeting; and
  - A website for supporting documents.
- **Timing:** Announcements regarding meetings will be made a minimum of 14 days in advance. Comment period announcements will be made at the beginning of a comment period.

Concern 7: Provide adequate and meaningful opportunities for community relations during decision-making activities.

Activity 7A: Information Sessions

- **Objective:** Provide the public with the opportunity to learn what FUSRAP-related contamination is on the site, how future land-use considerations will be taken into account when determining risks and how the Corps will establish a cleanup criteria if remediation is required.
- **Method:** Information sessions will be conducted in a location accessible to the community surrounding the site. Meetings will be announced a minimum of two weeks in advance. The Corps will schedule and prepare for all announced meetings. The Corps'

Project Manager, Project Engineer, Outreach Program Specialist and other appropriate staff will attend.

- **Timing:** As necessary.

Activity 7B: Conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed plan.

- **Objective**: Receive comments from the community regarding the preferred alternative for the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation FUSRAP Site.
- **Method**: Public meetings will be announced in the local newspapers and conducted during the comment period for the proposed plan.
- **Timing**: As required.

Activity 7C: Solicit comments during a Public Comment Period.

- **Objective**: Provide community members with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed plan for the site. This provides the citizens with meaningful involvement in the process and also provides the site Project Delivery Team with valuable information for use in making decisions.
- **Method**: The Corps will announce the comment period upon release of the proposed plan. Announcements will appear in local newspapers. The announcements will include information on the duration of the comment period, how to submit comments, where to submit comments, etc.
- **Timing**: As required. (A comment period is required in conjunction with the release of any proposed plan and will last a minimum of 30 days.)

Activity 7D: Prepare and issue a Responsiveness Summary for the comments received during the comment period for the proposed plan with the record of decision.

- **Objective**: Summarize comments received during the comment period and provide responses to major comments.
- **Method**: The Corps will prepare a Responsiveness Summary as a section of the record of decision. Both technical and non-technical information will be conveyed in a manner that is easily understood.
- **Timing**: The Corps will issue the Responsiveness Summary as part of the record of decision.

Activity 7E: Release the community relations plan and revise it as necessary.

- **Objective**: Identify and address community needs, issues, or concerns regarding the site or the cleanup remedy.
- **Method**: The written community relations plan will be placed in the administrative record file. The plan will be revised as necessary based on input.
- **Timing**: The Corps will update the community relations plan as community concern warrants or at least every three years until the site is closed out.

4.2 Projected Schedule for Community Relations Activities

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
1 Designate NYS and Niagara County DOH Representatives	Representatives are listed in Appendices B and C
3 Designate U.S. Department of Labor Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Representative	Representative is listed in Appendix B
4 Prepare and distribute site fact sheets, technical summaries, reports and newsletters	As needed
5 Maintain contact with DOE Office of Legacy Management	As information becomes available
6A Designate Outreach Program Specialist	Complete
6B Provide a toll-free "800 number" and e-mail address for the community to contact the Corps	Currently in operation
6C Maintain a mailing list for the site	Ongoing
6D Maintain the site administrative record file	Locations for the administrative record file are listed in Appendix I. Documents will be added as they become available.
6E Establish website	Ongoing
6F "Beyond the Headlines"	As necessary
6G Social media	As necessary
6H Newspaper announcements	As necessary
7A Information Sessions	As necessary
7B Hold public meetings	As required
7C Solicit comments during a Public Comment Period	As required
7D Prepare and issue a Responsiveness Summary	Following public comment periods
7E Issue the community relations plan and revise the plan as necessary	Complete. Will be updated as needed, depending on the phase of the CERCLA process

5.0 References

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USACE 2008, *Formerly Used Defense Sites Program Public Involvement Toolkit*, January.

USACE 2004, ER 200-3-1, *Environmental Quality Formerly Used Defense Sites Program Policy*, Chapter 8, May.

Appendix A - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Delivery Team

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207
fusrap@usace.army.mil
800-833-6390 Option 4

Special Projects Team Lead

Project Manager

Project Engineer

Outreach Program Specialist

Regional Technical Specialist

Risk Assessor

Health Physicist

Chemist

Hydrogeologist

Appendix B - Federal Elected Officials and Agency Representatives

U. S. Senate

Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand, Buffalo/Western New York Office: United States Senator, Larkin at Exchange, 726 Exchange Street, Suite 511, Buffalo, NY 14210; (716) 854-9725; Fax: (716) 854-9731. Washington Office: United States Senate, 478 Russell, Washington, DC 20510; (202) 224-4451; Fax: (202) 228-0282.

Honorable Chuck Schumer, Buffalo Office: United States Senator, 130 South Elmwood Avenue #660, Buffalo, NY 14202; (716) 846-4111; Fax: 716-846-4113. Washington Office: 322 Hart Senate Building, Washington, DC 20510; (202) 224-6542; Fax: (202) 228-3027.

U. S. House of Representatives

Honorable Chris Collins, 27th Congressional District, District office: Representative in Congress, 27th District; 2813 Wehrle Drive, Suite 13, Williamsville, NY 14221; (716) 634-2324; Fax: (716) 631-7610. Washington: 1117 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; (202)-225-5265; Fax: (202) 225-5910.

Federal Agency Contacts

U. S. Department of Labor

Mr. David San Lorenzo, New York Resource Center, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program, 6000 North Bailey, Suite 2A, Amherst, NY 14226 (716) 832-6200 or Toll free (800) 941-3943; newyork.center@rrohio.com.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Paul Giardina, USEPA Region 2, Radiation and Indoor Air Branch, 290 Broadway, 28th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866; (212) 637-4007.

Mr. Mike Basile, USEPA Public Affairs Specialist, Western New York Public Information Office, 186 Exchange Street, Buffalo, NY 14204, (716) 551-4410.

Appendix C - State Officials and Agency Representatives

New York Elected State Officials

Honorable Andrew A. Cuomo, Governor of New York; State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224; (518) 474-8390, Fax: (518) 474-3767.

Honorable Robert G. Ortt**,** New York State Senator, 62nd Senatorial District, District Office: 175 Walnut Street, Suite 6, Lockport, NY 14094; (716) 434-0680, Fax: (716) 434-3297. Albany Office: Room 815, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12247; (518) 455-2024.

Honorable Jane L. Corwin, New York State Assemblywoman, 144th Assembly District, District Office: 8180 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14221; (716) 839-4691. Albany Office: Room 446, Legislative Office Building, Albany, NY 12248; (518) 455-4601.

New York State Regulatory Contacts

Mr. James B. Harrington, Director, Remedial Bureau A, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway, 12th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-7255; (518) 402-9625; Fax: (518) 402-9027.

Ms. Cynthia Costello, Chief, Environmental Radiation Section, New York State Department of Health, 547 River Street, Room 530, Troy, New York 12180-2216.

Appendix D - Local Contacts

Niagara County

Honorable William L. Ross, Chairman, Niagara County Legislature, 6761Walmore Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304; (716) 731-5949; e-mail: william.ross@niagaracounty.com.

Honorable Anthony J. Nemi, Niagara County Legislature, 11th District, 67 South New York Street, Lockport, NY 14094; (716) 434-0133, e-mail: Anthony.nemi@niagaracounty.com.

Mr. Paul Dicky, Niagara County Health Department, 5467 Upper Mountain Road, Suite 100, Lockport, NY 14094; (716) 439-7595.

Ms. Amy Fisk, Niagara County Department of Economic Development, 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite 1, Sanborn, NY 14132; (716) 287-8754, e-mail: amy.fisk@niagaracounty.com.

City of Lockport

Lockport Municipal Building
One Locks Plaza
Lockport, NY 14094

Honorable Anne E. McCaffrey, Mayor, (716) 439-6665, Fax: (716) 439.6668.

Alderwoman Kathryn Fogle, Common Council 3rd Ward - 35 Bacon Street, Lockport, NY 14094, (716) 433-5173.

Mr. Norman Allen, Director of Engineering/Public Works, (716) 439-6750, nallen@elockport.com.

Appendix E - Environmental and Active Citizen Groups

The Corps is unaware of any environmental citizen's action groups currently in the Lockport area.

Appendix F - Adjacent Property Owners

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Mr. Reg Buri, Allegheny Technologies Inc. Allvac, 695 Ohio Street, Lockport, NY 14094; (716) 439-5305.

Appendix G - Media Contacts

Newspapers

Lockport Union-Sun & Journal
170 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094

Ads: Ms. Andrea Trippie
(716) 282-2311, ext 2240; Fax: 282-1643; e-mail: andrea.trippi@ niagara-gazette.com
Column inches: 2-column 3.417; 3-column 5.187"
Environmental Reporter: Philip Gambini, (716) 282-2311

The Buffalo News
1 Fountain Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14240

Ads: Ms. Marcy Lombardo
(716) 849-5535, Fax: (716) 949-3455; e-mail: mlombardo@buffnews.com
Column inches: 1-column 1.729; 2-column 3.558, 3-column"
Tear Sheets: (716) 849-5453
News Niagara Reporter: Nancy Fischer
(716) 849-4604

Television

WGRZ-TV (channel 2)
Assignment Editor
259 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 849-2222 (Switchboard), (716) 849-2200 (Direct); Fax: (716) 849-7602

WIVB-TV (channel 4) and WNLO (channel 23)
Assignment Editor
2077 Elmwood Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14207
(716) 876-7333; Fax: (716) 874-8173

WKBW-TV
Assignment Editor
7 Broadcast Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 845-6100; Fax: (716) 856-8784

Television (Continued)

Lockport Community TV
Attn: Community Bulletin Board (Rich)
293 Niagara
Lockport, NY 14094
One month in advance e-mail to: lctv@lctv.net (word document, pictures - jpg file)
(716) 434-1733; Fax: (716) 434-2837

Radio

WLVL Radio
News Director
320 Michigan Street
P.O. Box 477
Lockport, NY 14095
(716) 433-5944; Fax: (716) 433-6588

Appendix H - Meeting Locations

South Lockport Fire Company - Recreation hall corner of Ruhlman Road & South Transit Road, Lockport, NY 14094; (716) 434-4626.

Holiday Inn - 515 South Transit Road, Lockport, NY, 14094; (716) 434-6151.

Appendix I - Repository Locations

Lockport Public Library, 23 East Avenue, Lockport, NY 14095, (716) 433-5935.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, FUSRAP Public Information Center, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207, (716) 879-4438 (by appointment only).