



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Major General Carl Strock
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Department of the Army
Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear General Strock:

I am writing to notify you that the former Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Company site (currently owned by Slater Steels Corporation) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is potentially eligible for inclusion in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP).

The Manhattan Engineer District and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) used this site for early atomic energy defense activities. AEC usage of this facility ended during the early 1950s. The facility was used to roll and machine uranium rods.

In 1976, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) personnel, at the direction of the Energy Research and Development Administration (statutory predecessor of the Department of Energy (DOE)) performed exploratory measurements to determine whether any significant radioactive contamination remained. Results indicated that radioactive surface contamination measurements were, in general, indistinguishable from background. A few isolated locations showed traces of slightly elevated levels of contamination, but these levels were below guidelines for unrestricted release. In 1987, the Joslyn site was eliminated from consideration for FUSRAP because the levels of residual contamination did not warrant remedial action.

However, during the recent due diligence process prior to the pending sale of the facility to Fort Wayne Steel Corporation ("the purchaser"), a focused radiological survey conducted by the purchaser was performed that indicates several areas of elevated uranium contamination that are greater than the levels found in ORNL's 1976 survey (enclosed).

Section III.D.1. of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DOE and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the program administration and execution of the FUSRAP provides that DOE:

- a. Shall perform historical research and provide a FUSRAP eligibility determination, with historical references, as to whether a site was used for activities which supported the Nation's early atomic energy program;



- b. Shall provide the Army Corps of Engineers with the determination, a description of the type of processes involved in the historical activities at the site, the geographic boundaries of those activities (as reflected by documentation available to DOE), and the potential radioactive and/or chemical contaminants at the site; and
- c. Shall maintain records of determination of eligibility and other files, documents and records associated with the site.

In accordance with the MOU, the DOE has performed historical research regarding the former Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Company site and has concluded that this site was used for activities which supported the Nation's early atomic energy program.

In addition, the Report of a Focused Radiological Survey at Slater Steels Corporation, Fort Wayne, Indiana transmitted to the DOE in a March 31, 2004, letter from [REDACTED] Greenburg Traurig, LLP, (enclosed) indicates that the site is contaminated with levels of uranium greater than those found during ORNL's 1976 survey. However, DOE does not have sufficient information regarding the accessibility of the contamination. An additional site assessment by the Corps will be needed to determine if remedial action is required. My staff previously provided historical information to your staff. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], is the current owner's representative. The facility is located at 2302 Taylor Street West, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46801.

Accordingly, the former Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Company site would be eligible for inclusion in the FUSRAP if the Corps determines, under section III.D.2 of the MOU, that remedial action is required to address FUSRAP-related contamination at the site.

If you have any further questions, please call me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], Director, Core Technical Group, at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Cleanup and Acceleration

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cc: [REDACTED] Legacy Management
[REDACTED] Greenburg Traurig, LLP