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GUTERL SPECIALTY STEEL CORPORATION INFORMATION SESSIONS TO BE HELD

LOCKPORT - The Buffalo District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will be holding Information Sessions regarding the former Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation (Simonds Saw and Steel Company) on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. An Information Session was originally scheduled for December 12, but was postponed due to inclement weather. The Information Sessions will be held in the ballroom of the Best Western Lockport Inn located at 515 South Transit Road in Lockport, New York.

The Buffalo District has been assigned the Former Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation, located west of Ohio Street and south of Crosby Street in Lockport, New York, as a site eligible for potential inclusion in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). FUSRAP was initiated in 1974 to identify, investigate, and clean up or control sites throughout the United States that were part of the Nation's early atomic energy program. From 1948 to 1956 the Simonds Saw & Steel Company facilities were used for foundry work on uranium and thorium metal to support the Nation's early atomic energy program.

The first step in evaluating the site for inclusion is to perform a Preliminary Assessment. The purpose of a Preliminary Assessment is to review and evaluate available information to determine the need for further investigation of the site to ensure the protection of human health, welfare, and the environment.

The District received funding for the Preliminary Assessment and has begun a thorough review of available documentation regarding the Former Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation Site. If at any time the analysis of available information determines that there is a threat to human health, welfare and the environment, a removal action can be initiated. The final Preliminary Assessment report is scheduled to be released in Spring, 2001.

Buffalo District encourages public involvement in the decision-making process for the site. Interested citizens may be added to the site mailing list by calling the Corps' toll free number at 1-800-833-6390. Letters may be addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, Attention: FUSRAP Information Center, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, N.Y. 14207. E-mails may be addressed to fusrap@usace.army.mil.

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