

Information sessions set

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) site from 1 to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, in the Ballroom of the Best Western Lockport Inn, 515 South Transit Road, Lockport.

The site was assigned to the Buffalo District as being eligible for possible inclusion in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP); FUSRAP was created in 1974 to identify, investigate, and clean up sites throughout the U.S. that were part of the nation's early atomic energy program.

From 1948 to 1956, the facilities at the site were used for foundry work on uranium and thorium metal to support the atomic energy program.

The Army Corps of Engineers has funding to perform a preliminary assessment of the site, and is currently evaluating all site information to determine if there is a threat to human health or the environment. If a threat is perceived, a removal action will be initiated. The final preliminary report is scheduled for release in the spring.

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 St., Buffalo, NY 14207. E-mail messages can be addressed to fusrap@usace.army.mil.