

**Results for Guterl Community Assessment Questions**  
**Public Info Session**  
**February 6, 2001**  
**1 p.m. –3 p.m. Session**

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    under 18       19-30     3   31-40     9   41-50    19  51-60    18  61-70  
 14  71-80     1  81-90     1  over 90

What special concerns do you have about the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation?

- I hope they would be responsible for their actions in exposing people to the environment.
- Clean up the radiation on the property. It is spreading into the community. My husband had radiation in his body and always had something wrong with his health. By the way, I had cancer.
- My concern is about everyone that worked at Guterl and can stay healthy.
- PACIU represents AKZO Nobel Chemical Co. LLC., Burt, NY
- Death of my spouse/father due to radiation-related cancer, cleanup of the site, protection of health and the environment
- About radiation and there are so many people from there who have had or died of cancer
- About health problems people are having after working there
- What effect they had on the people who worked there and lived around the steel plank
- Radiation
- Health concerns
- Any contamination while working at the plant and illness of different kinds since leaving the plant
- Continuous radiation from the site
- My father worked for Simonds Saw & Steel. He died in July 1968 of bone cancer. How many other workers of Simonds died of bone cancer? Are his dependents – 2 daughters and 1 son (myself) eligible for compensation?
- What is there, in what quantity and plan to restore area to use
- Off-site contamination
- Why they allowed employees to work, eat and relax in areas that they KNEW were contaminated
- If my cancer was caused by my working there
- Anything – my husband was a crane operator. He died of lung cancer in August 2000
- I worked in the old mill shop and most of the people died of cancer
- Health in the future for ourselves, spouses, children, grandchildren, etc.
- My family and health
- Long-term health effects

- Radiation and health
- How does the corporation and the business it conducts affect my home living environment? Are they producing a health risk for me and my family in the soil, air or water?
- My husband died of cancer while working at the factory. He worked there from 1956-1990.
- Union rep for oper. Engineers and they wanted to be involved in the site cleanup
- Radiation, government involvement, cancer
- What types of potentially toxic materials (including radioactive) were utilized and deposited into the surrounding environment?
- Medical concerns – health matters (i.e.: heart, cancers, kidney and others)
- Health (4)
- Chemicals
- Health effect of exposure to radiation in the year 1949
- If found to be contaminated, where and how will wastes be discarded...is there to be a study of surrounding neighborhoods...what criteria is being used for testing...what happens after a clean-up...are health concerns going to be answered?
- When will it be torn down and cleaned up...who gets stuck with the bill...certainly not the taxpayers of Lockport
- The government work I did with radiation and my health
- The damage to the survivors and the environment
- That there may still be contaminants under the newer sections of the plant (meld shop, press shop, consarl) where the old plant dump used to be. Also, the equipment that was moved from Akron, NY from the old excised section.
- Sickness
- Radiation levels and its effects
- Clean-up, contract work, etc.
- My father worked there for 30 years
- My husband worked there for 30 years
- Contaminants that we worked with
- Cleaning up the existing buildings

If you had a question or concern about the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation, whom would you contact?

- USACE (9)
- DOE (3)
- Sen. Maziarz
- Don't know (18)
- I would like to know (2)
- Union and friends
- DEC
- Congressman LaFalce (4)
- Senator Clinton
- James Geier (2)

- My union rep or congressman
- NYSDOH
- The union

What individuals/organizations do you consider most credible when it comes to environmental issues in the community?

- F.A.C.T.S.
- Hopefully all of the above
- We need to find out more about the people who have had cancer not only once, but twice. Please HELP.
- Doctors
- DEC (4)
- None (4)
- DOH
- DOE
- EPA (5)
- USACE (6)
- Veterans
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- Uncertain about who to trust in terms of truthfulness, credibility and reliability of info
- Niagara County Health Dept

How does the community receive information about local events and news? Please check the newspapers and television stations you, your friends, and your family read/watch the most.

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<u>      </u> Other (please list) <u>www.lockport.com (2), WLVL radio (2), word of mouth, Channel 17 – WNED public TV, WYRK</u>	

How would you rate the level of community interest/concern regarding the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation on a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being very low and 10 being very high)? Please circle a number.

1      2      3      4 (2)    5 (6)    6 (3)    7 (7)    8 (6)    9 (6)    10 (29)

How often would you like to be provided with information regarding Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation? Please check one.

13 Monthly  
42 Whenever new information becomes available  
       Bi-monthly  
7 Quarterly  
2 Annually

How would you like us to keep you informed about progress at Guterl? Please check all that apply.

29 Information sessions                      13 E-mail  
50 Newsletters                                4 Postings on our web page  
       Other (please specify) Mail (3), phone call (3), newspaper (2), letter to me personally, press releases, letter, any information there is sent to us

How did you hear about the information session tonight?

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Is this location for the information session easy for you to get to?

61 Yes            1 No (I live in the Rochester area)

Would the Lockport Public Library be a convenient location for us to place the Administrative Record File, which includes information used in the decision-making process for the Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation?

52 Yes            3 No

Can you suggest any other locations for the Administrative Record File?

- On the net
- Lockport Civil Defense Bldg
- Area colleges (i.e.: NCCC), also at Independent Living Centers for persons with disabilities
- Niagara County Clerk's Office
- Niagara County Historical Society
- A letter sent to us would be better when it's posted or if possible, the information, too

Additional comments:

- There is a lot we have to know about the stuff that was buried down there and the problems that all the people are having with cancer and other health problems. They need to be taken care of before more people die. I almost lost my husband twice. It's time to get this thing straightened out. Thank you.
- Some of us have now worked during the time when uranium and thorium were processed but we worked around the mills and buildings where pollution was still present.
- Thank you for having this session.
- Harold Hallett Jr. Lives at 45 Ontario St, Apt 606 and Bob Jesson is a Briody's Nursing Home, Lincoln Ave, Lockport, NY 14094
- Keep checking and digging!!!
- Will the Guterl buildings be used for new processes in the future?
- Please have meetings in the daytime for older citizens.
- So many workers of Simonds Saw & Steel have died due to cancer – my own father, who worked there for over 25 years, had to retire due to his health and died at 48 years old of cancer. I now have health problems, including a brain tumor.
- Why? The government conducted tests over the years and radioactivity, when left alone, weakens. Why, then, was the old property excised and the equipment, which sat in supposedly contaminated soil, allowed to be bought for scrap and then relocated to Niagara Specialty Steel in Akron, NY?

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