

**Results for Guterl Community Assessment Questions**  
**Public Info Session**  
**February 6, 2001**  
**7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Session**

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  7  71-80     2  81-90       over 90

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

- Radioactive and/or chemical exposure, airborne and groundwater. Our residence is within approximately 2 miles from the site. Relationship between long-term use of well water for everyday drinking and cancer (liver and pancreatic), also hypothyroidism?
- Worked there and metal cleanup – scrap yard
- Depth of cleanup – effects of property after cleanup since I am currently the safety coordinator at the plant.
- What contamination is at the plant
- The health effects of former employees and the compensation being considered. Any long term health effects? Any effects on today's population?
- Is my family or I covered for illness now or in the future?
- Am I or my family subject to health problems from working there?
- Hazards to the neighborhood
- My father worked there for 37 years and had cancer. I worked there 3-4 months.
- Death of my father who worked there for 34 years.
- The questions about the contamination in the plants
- Is the property on the north side of the Guterl Steel site safe for business development?
- What hazards were former employees of Simonds/Guterl exposed to during their employment? Is there any medical documentation being collected? I wish the focus was not just on radioactivity, but also other possible health risks. What is being planned for cleanup? How long will it take to make the place safe for the public environment?
- I was an employee from 1965 to approximately 1982.
- Health hazards
- The building has been an eyesore, plus there is a lot of contamination. It should be destroyed and cleaned up.
- Who to call about my dad's death from lung cancer
- Were there any health problems?
- If this led to my father's or step-father's early deaths.
- Pollution at the plant

- What health concerns should I have from working directly next to the contaminated area on Simonds St from 1990-1994?
- My father worked there in the 1940's.
- What illnesses are there?
- My father worked at Simonds from 1936-1964. He was sick for 16 years after he retired.
- Contamination and health problems due to radioactive materials and asbestos. I worked with asbestos.
- I am a homeowner in an adjoining neighborhood. My concern is health and property values.
- Health after radiation exposure

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

- DEC
- Any of the departments – I have cards and numbers for all of them
- County Health Dept
- Don't know/Not sure/No idea (7)
- Union President or Jim Geier – former Union President (2)
- DOE
- City officials
- Walter Jaynes – know him personally. Retired personnel manager, resides in Lockport during the summer, Old Niagara Rd, Lockport, NY 14094

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

- Definitely Mary Brennan Taylor – Rep from LaFalce's office
- DEC (3)
- EPA (4)
- OSHA (2)
- County Health Dept
- Not sure/Don't know (3)
- USACE (4)
- NYSDEC reports on Canal and 18 mile creek contamination (related contaminants)

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.

23 Buffalo News  
14 Lockport Retailer  
12 Metro Community News  
8 Niagara Gazette  
2 Tonawanda News  
30 Union-Sun & Journal

17 WGRZ-TV (Channel 2)  
21 WIVB-TV (Channel 4)  
27 WKBW-TV (Channel 7)  
3 Lockport Community TV  
3 Adelphia Cable Community Bulletin Board

\_\_\_ Other (please list) WLVL Radio (2), WBEN Radio, Journal Register (Medina)

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      5 (3)    6 (3)    7 (1)    8 (10)    9 (3)    10 (17)

- This depends on how close you live to the site or if you have a relation that previously worked or presently works at the plant

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

6 Monthly  
31 Whenever new information becomes available  
2 Bi-monthly  
4 Quarterly  
\_\_\_ Annually

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

13 Information sessions                      5 E-mail  
37 Newsletters                                      3 Postings on our web page  
\_\_\_ Other (please specify) Information Sessions, if requested, direct mailings, newspaper articles, news stories

How did you hear about the information session tonight?

- Letter from USACE (9)
- Newspaper (18)
- Radio (4)
- Lawyer's office (2)
- TV News (3)
- Union Sun & Journal (7)
- Contacted by phone by U.S. Congress
- Buffalo News (3)
- From other employees
- Web site
- From a friend
- Niagara Gazette
- From a neighbor

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

40 Yes      \_\_\_ No

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?

38 Yes      1 No

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

- County and city municipal offices
- City Hall (3)
- Town Hall
- County Seat
- Lee Whedon Memorial Library, West Ave and North, Medina, NY 14103

Additional comments:

- We have looked at workplace exposure during this public meeting. I believe it to be important that off-site environmental contamination also be examined. Of concern to me is the natural well-water contamination in the surrounding area.
- Besides working at the plant since 1961, I am representing my father, who was the foreman on the 16" rolling mill from 1948-1956.
- Not enough info
- I was very grateful for the information given and hope the community response was a really good turnout. It's extremely important that information be made available to all past employees and their families. My dad died in June 1999 of lung cancer. There are so many men that have passed away of the same thing; if the area continues to be a health risk, then its needs to be cleaned up as safely and as economically possible.
- Was the 30" or 90" mill included in the place where you are exposed to radiation? I worked there for 24 years on that mill.
- Was the U.S. Government responsible?

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