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Buffalo District

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FACT SHEET

Title/Name: Guterl Specialty Steel Corporation (GSSC), Lockport, New York.

Project Description: The 70 acre GSSC site, formerly know as the Simonds Saw and Steel Corporation, performed rolling mill operations in support of the nation's early atomic energy program. The process involved approximately 25 to 35 million pounds of uranium and approximately 30 to 40 thousand pounds of thorium between 1948 and 1956. The buildings used to support the process are located within property owned and operated by Allegany Ludlum Corporation, but are under the control of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Current Status: A Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PA/SI) was completed by the Buffalo District in May 2001. The PA/SI recommended inclusion of the GSSC site into FUSRAP based on evidence of residual contamination. The Buffalo District is currently drafting an analysis to determine government liability. This analysis will assist the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and the Appropriation Committees of the House and Senate in making a final decision whether to include the project in the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP).

Accomplishments: At approximately the same time the Buffalo District began the Preliminary Assessment for GSSC, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act was passed. The District received an overwhelming number of calls inquiring about the GSSC site and the compensation program. In response we invited the Department of Energy to participate in a joint Public Information Session. They agreed and two meetings were held on February 6, 2001. At the meeting, the number of questions on the compensation program equaled or exceeded inquiries on FUSRAP. The joint meeting exemplified teamwork, and showed our commitment to be responsive to the needs and interests of the community.

Project Sponsor/Customer: Congress

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