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Buffalo District



## FACT SHEET

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

**Project Description:** The approximately 70 acres (ac) GSSC site is located in the City of Lockport, Niagara County, New York. The site is grouped into three areas: the Allegheny Ludlum Corporation property (51.8 ac); the landfill area (8.6 ac) and the excised property (8.8 ac), which includes nine buildings that existed during the Atomic Energy Commission Activities.

The GSSC, formerly know as the Simonds Saw and Steel Corporation, performed rolling mill operations on uranium and thorium metal, between 1948 and 1956. Between 25 and 35 million pounds of uranium and approximately 30 to 40 thousand pounds of thorium were rolled from 1948 until operations discontinued in 1956. More than 99 percent of the work done under these contracts involved uranium, which was rolled on the 16-inch mill located in Building 8. Several small lots of uranium bars were run through the 10-inch rolling mill, and approximately 15 to 20 ingots were processed in the hammer forge shop, which was located in Building 3.

**Current Status:** A Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PA/SI) was completed by LRB 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 ASA/CW and 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.

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