

Guterl Specialty Steel Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program Site News from the Corps of Engineers

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Hello from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District:

The district is pleased to announce the release of the feasibility study and proposed plan for the Guterl Specialty Steel Site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. The Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for the program, which is conducted in accordance with the governing federal law – the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. The 70-acre site is located in Lockport, New York. The reports are currently available in the project administrative record file, which is located at

<https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Guterl-Steel-Site/Guterl-Admin-Record/> [Section 04, Feasibility Study, Subsection 04.09 and Subsection 04.10 Proposed Plan]. A fact sheet regarding the feasibility study and proposed plan is available in the Fact Sheet section of the project website at: <https://www.lrb.usace.army.mil/Missions/HTRW/FUSRAP/Guterl-Steel-Site/>. The reports and major supporting CERCLA documents will be made available in the Reports section of the project website soon.

The proposed plan documents the Corps of Engineers' preferred alternative to address contaminated buildings, soil, and groundwater at the Guterl Site: Site-Wide Alternative 3. The alternative includes: dismantlement and off-site disposal of buildings that were involved in Atomic Energy Commission activities during the 1940s and 1950s; removal and off-site disposal of soil to the preliminary remediation goal for groundwater protection; and uranium groundwater plume recovery using extraction wells and an in situ rubble trench with ex situ treatment, and environmental monitoring of groundwater plume attenuation (enhanced and natural).

The feasibility study is a supporting document to the proposed plan. The report identifies, develops, and evaluates remedial alternatives to address FUSRAP-related constituents of concern (thorium-232 and uranium in soil and buildings, and uranium in groundwater) at the site.

You are encouraged to review and provide your comments on the proposed plan. The public comment period begins July 12, 2021, and ends September 10, 2021. A virtual public meeting will be conducted on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 7 p.m. Space is limited, so please email fusrap@usace.army.mil by 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2021 to register for the meeting, and to let us know if you will be providing comments. The public meeting presentation is available on the project website in the Public Presentations section. The virtual public meeting will be recorded so that oral comments received can be captured.

The public is encouraged to email comments to fusrap@usace.army.mil or mail them to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District, Attention: Environmental Project Management Section, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207, before the close of the comment period.

The preferred alternative may be modified based on any new information acquired during the designated public comment period. Responses to comments received will be provided in the record of decision, which will identify the selected remedy to be implemented.

For further information please e-mail fusrap@usace.army.mil, or call (800) 833-6390.