



## FACT SHEET

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### GUTERL STEEL — LOCKPORT, NEW YORK Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

#### Location

- City of Lockport, NY, approximately 28 miles north of Buffalo, NY

#### Site History and Project Description

- The Guterl Steel site is a 70-acre industrial site in Lockport, NY consisting of an active manufacturing facility and several inactive buildings (totaling an additional nine acres in size) on an adjacent abandoned “excised property”
- The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission used the site to perform rolling mill operations on approximately 35 million pounds of uranium metals and 40 thousand pounds of thorium metals between 1948 and 1955.
- The Corps project is to perform a comprehensive environmental investigation to assess the nature and extent of FUSRAP contamination, the associated human health and ecological risks, and identify and implement clean up actions as needed to address site hazards.
- The objective of FUSRAP is to remediate sites to a risk level commensurate with projected future use of the site.

#### Importance

- The Buffalo District completed a remedial investigation in 2010 and confirmed the presence of FUSRAP contamination in soils and groundwater.
- There is no immediate risk to human health or the environment however the levels of contamination require cleanup.
- If left as is the site may pose a future risk to human health and the environment.

#### Consequences

- Potential for long-term adverse human health effects
- Loss of economically viable property

Project Phase	Estimated Federal Cost	Funding through FY21	FY22 Requirement	FY22 Budget	FY23 Requirement	FY23 Budget
Investigation*	\$14.2M	\$13.7M	\$500k	\$0	\$1M	TBD

\*Investigation phase includes remedial investigation, feasibility study, proposed plan, and record of decision.

#### Project Sponsor/Customer

- Stakeholders include adjacent property owners (ATI Specialty Metals), affected communities, elected leaders, and local, state, and federal environmental and health agencies.

#### Congressional Interests

- Representative Chris Jacobs R NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D NY

- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D NY

#### Current Status

- In FY21 the Buffalo District completed and publicly released the feasibility study and proposed plan. The district hosted a public meeting on the proposed plan to engage the local community on the site and proposed cleanup actions.
- The Buffalo District proposes dismantling buildings and excavating contaminated

soils for off-site disposal. The district will also recover contaminated groundwater for treatment to remove FUSRAP contaminants.

- In FY22 the Buffalo District is developing the record of decision (ROD) to document the selected remedy for the site. The ROD will include a summary of responses to public comments received on the proposed plan.
- In FY23 the Buffalo District expects to publicly release the ROD. The district will

then prepare the remedial action contract to implement the remedy which will be subject to the availability of future FUSRAP appropriations.

- The cleanup of the site is expected to cost \$120M - \$180M and take approximately four years to complete.

**Issues**

- None



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