Cleaning Up Geneva

The Geneva Steel facility, located in Vineyard, Utah covered approximately 1,800 acres, was founded during World War II to produce steel for war activities. Columbia Steel Company and US Steel Corporation (USS) constructed the facility with federal funding in December 1941.

The facility operated as a US government facility until June of 1946. After WWII it was purchased by USS which operated the facility until 1987 when it was sold to Geneva Steel. In 2002, Geneva Steel declared bankruptcy and permanently ceased operation. In 2005, Geneva Steel sold all assets to Anderson Geneva Development. Anderson Geneva’s intent was to dismantle the steel-making facilities and redevelop the property into a mixture of light industrial, commercial and residential components.

In November 1989, the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control (WMRC) issued USS a permit to facilitate the clean up and remediation of the property. The permit also outlined provisions for post-closure care of three closed hazardous waste surface impoundments, environmental investigations and facility-wide corrective action. These investigations and appropriate remediation are required prior to any redevelopment. Clean up standards are also outlined in the Permit. USS and Anderson Geneva share responsibility for the investigation and cleanup of the property.

WMRC plays an active role in the oversight of the cleanup activities at the Geneva Steel Property. To date, the Division has reviewed and approved work plans and site remediation standards for the cleanup of approximately 1,120 acres of the total 1,800 acres of land.