Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) Contractor Services Awarded to Developer of Former Super Steel Facility

On February 11, 2014 the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) awarded Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM) Contractor Services to the 7000 W. Calumet Road, LLC for site investigation activities at the former Super Steel plant, located at 7000 W. Calumet Road in Milwaukee.

This 27 acre site has a 50 year history of metal fabrication serving the rail, construction, agricultural and industrial markets. In 2009, then occupant Super Steel Products went into receivership and production ceased, resulting in the loss of 284 jobs.

The new WAM award will provide site investigation services to assist the redeveloper in defining the extent of contamination in nearby soil and groundwater.

The owner has also been awarded a Site Assessment Grant (SAG) from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for remediation and demolition activities. The owner plans to renovate the building and lease it to a variety of manufacturing clients, creating a projected 60 full time jobs.

The idled, former Super Steel facility, Milwaukee, Wis.

The WAM program, administered by the DNR’s Remediation and Redevelopment Program, provides local governments, closing businesses and potential buyers with no-cost environmental assessments at closed or closing industrial sites to help ready them for reuse or redevelopment. These awards are not grants, they are no-cost consulting services to the recipient, and therefore require minimal effort by the awardee.
Applications can be submitted for the program at any time. Eligible sites include closed or closing manufacturing plants and vacant land with a history of manufacturing. Gas stations, dry cleaners, salvage yards and agricultural coops are not eligible. For more information, visit [dnr.wi.gov/topic/brownfields/wam.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/brownfields/wam.html).

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