SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROFILE
Florida Steel Corporation Superfund Site
Indiantown, Florida

The Florida Steel Corporation Superfund site covers 152 acres in a rural area in the village of Indiantown, Martin County, Florida. It includes the area where Florida Steel Corporation, now known as Gerdau Ameristeel, operated a steel mill from 1970 to 1982. EPA placed the site on the Superfund program’s National Priorities List (NPL) in 1983 because of contaminated soil, groundwater and wetlands resulting from facility operations.

Following site investigations, the responsible party led cleanup activities with EPA and state agency oversight. By 1999, Gerdau Ameristeel had removed structures, removed contaminated soil and placed it in a 6-acre landfill on site, installed a groundwater treatment system, and restored the nearby wetland.

Groundwater monitoring is still underway for sodium and radionuclides that have not yet reached remedial goals. Regular reviews of

Site Location: 18300 SW Warfield Boulevard, Indiantown, Florida 34956
Size: 152 acres
Existing Site Infrastructure: An electrical substation, transformers and transmission lines are located on site with access to a rail spur. Natural gas pipelines are directly adjacent to the site.
Current Site Uses: Planning for a natural gas storage facility on the entire property is underway. The Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company plans to build two large steel natural gas storage tanks on site. The facility will start operating in 2021.*
Use Restrictions: Recreational, agricultural and residential land uses, day care facilities, playgrounds and schools are prohibited on site. Groundwater use is also restricted.
Surrounding Population: within 0.5 mile, 0 people; within 2.5 miles, 1,981 people; within 4 miles, 6,837 people.
*Additional information on the project is available at www.floridiangasstorage.com.
the site’s cleanup approach by EPA have found that the remedy currently protects human health and the environment. Although the groundwater remediation system is not operating as designed, there are no current exposures to contamination. Site monitoring and operation and maintenance activities are ongoing. However, in order to be protective in the long term, the appropriate course of action for addressing lingering contamination must be determined.

The site is currently not in use. Planning for a natural gas storage facility on the entire property is underway. In 2015, Gerdau Ameristeel recorded a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants (DRC) on the site property. The DRC restricts future use of the property to commercial and/or industrial purposes, restricts use of groundwater under part of the property, prohibits use of the landfill vault on site, and acknowledges the future planned reuse of the property for construction and operation of a natural gas storage facility as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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Conceptual plan for the natural gas storage facility at the site. (Source: Floridian Natural Gas Company)