

SLAG

V&M STAR

- **Slag is a byproduct of metal smelting, and hundreds of tons of it are produced annually in the process of refining metals and making alloys.**
- **In appearance, slag looks like a loose collection of aggregate with lumps of varying sizes.**
- **Slag is produced in a number of ways:**
 - Represents undesired impurities in the metals being smelted which float to the top during smelting process.
 - During smelting, metals oxidize and slag forms a protective crust of oxides on the top of the metal being smelted.
- **Common components of slag include:**
 - Silicon oxides
 - Aluminum oxides
 - Magnesium oxides
 - Sulfur oxides
 - Phosphorus
 - Calcium
 - Ash
 - Limestone

Regulatory Status of Slag in U.S.

- **The US Federal Register, Vol. 45, No. 98, May 19, 1980, lists the substances ruled hazardous by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**
- **US has four major hazardous waste characteristics: Ignitability, Corrosivity, Reactivity, and Toxicity.**
- **Slag was tested by the U.S. EPA and found to be non hazardous:**
 - Retained heat from manufacturing or processing was dropped from the standard to avoid inclusion of slag in the Ignitability hazard class.
 - Corrosivity requirements were changed to only include liquid wastes and the upper pH value raised to 12.5 or more, effectively excluding high pH steel slag from the hazardous classification.
- Reactivity standards were revised to require that any toxic gases generated must be in 'a quantity sufficient to present a danger to human health or the environment'; slag generates only minute quantities and is therefore exempted.
- Toxicity requirements set maximum leachate values at 100 times the drinking water standard, far higher than any slag could ever be expected to test.
- **The only furnace-related by-product of the steel industry listed as hazardous is the electric-furnace emission control dust or sludge, based on possible high concentrations of hexavalent chromium, lead, and cadmium.**



Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP)

- Designed to determine the mobility of both organic and inorganic analytes present in liquid, solid, and multiphasic wastes.
- Used to determine if a waste meets the definition of EP toxicity, which means it carries a hazardous waste code under RCRA (40 US CFR Part 261) of D004 through D052.
- If a “solid waste” fails the test for one or more of these compounds, the waste is considered to be a characteristic hazardous waste (unless an exemption applies).
- Slag and sludge (which both vary in their components) contain multiple contaminants that require a TCLP.



TCLP: Maximum Concentration of Contaminants for Toxicity Characteristic

EPA Hazardous Waste Code	Contaminant	Regulated Level (mg/l) (or ppm)
D004	Arsenic (As)	5
D005	Barium (Ba)	100
D018	Benzene	0.5
D006	Cadmium (Cd)	1
D019	Carbon Tetrachloride	0.5
D020	Chlordane	0.03
D021	Chlorobenzene	100
D022	Chloroform	6
D007	Chromium (Cr)	5
D023	o-Cresol	200
D024	m-Cresol	200
D025	p-Cresol	200
D026	Cresol	200
D016	2,4-D	10
D027	1,4-Dichlorobenzene	7.5
D028	1,2-Dichloroethane	0.5
D029	1,1-Dichloroethylene	0.7
D030	2,4-Dinitrotoluene	0.13
D012	Endrin	0.02
D031	Heptachlor	0.008

EPA Hazardous Waste Code	Contaminant	Regulated Level (mg/l) (or ppm)
D033	Hexachlorobutadiene	0.5
D034	Hexachloroethane	3
D008	Lead (Pb)	5
D013	Lindane	0.4
D009	Mercury (Hg)	0.2
D014	Methoxychlor	10
D035	Methyl ethyl ketone	200
D036	Nitrobenzene	2
D037	Pentachlorophenol	100
D038	Pyridine	5
D010	Selenium (Se)	1
D011	Silver (Ag)	5
D039	Tetrachloroethylene	0.7
D015	Toxaphene	0.5
D040	Trichloroethylene	0.5
D041	2,4, 5-Trichlorophenol	400
D042	2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	2
D017	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	1
D043	Vinyl Chloride	0.2

- Over the past several years, the U.S. Steel Slag Coalition ("SSC"), a group of 63 companies that produce steel, process slag, or both, has undertaken a comprehensive study of the chemical composition of slag generated during the steelmaking process and the potential human health and ecological risks associated with possible exposure to such slag.
- Risk assessments developed during 1998 demonstrate that slag poses no meaningful threat to human health or the environment when used in a variety of residential, agricultural, industrial, and construction applications.



Processors of Iron and Steel Slag in the United States

- AC — Air-cooled blast furnace slag
- GG — Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag
- Exp — Expanded pelletized blast furnace slag
- BOF — Basic Oxygen Furnace steel slag.
- OHF — Open-Hearth Furnace steel slag
- EAF — Electric Arc Furnace steel slag

Slag processing company	Plant location	State	Steel company serviced	AC	GG	Exp	BOF	OHF	EAF
AMSI	Holsopple	PA	North American Höganäs, Inc.						X
Barfield Enterprises, Inc.	La Place	LA	Bayou Steel Corp.						X
Barfield Enterprises, Inc.	Lone Star	TX	Lone Star Steel Corp.						X
Beaver Valley Slag	Aliquippa	PA	Old slag pile site	X				X	
Beaver Valley Slag (Thor Mill)	Roanoke	VA	Roanoke Electric Steel, Inc.						X
Blackheart Slag Co.	Muscatine (Montpelier)	IA	IPSCO Steel, Inc.						X
Border Steel, Inc.	El Paso	TX	Border Steel, Inc.						X
Buffalo Crushed Stone, Inc.	Woodlawn	NY	Old slag pile site	X					
Buzzi Unicem USA, Inc.	New Orleans	LA	Various foreign		X				
Civil & Marine, Inc.	Cape Canaveral	FL	Various foreign		X				
Edward C. Levy Co.	Decatur (Trinity)	AL	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Edward C. Levy Co.	Butler	IN	Steel Dynamics Inc.						X
Edward C. Levy Co.	Columbia City	IN	Steel Dynamics Inc.						X
Edward C. Levy Co.	Crawfordsville	IN	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Edward C. Levy Co.	Detroit	MI	Severstal North America, Inc.	X			X		
Edward C. Levy Co.	Detroit	MI	U.S. Steel Corp.	X			X		
Edward C. Levy Co.	Canton	OH	The Timken Co.						X
Edward C. Levy Co.	Delta	OH	North Star-Bluescope Steel Inc.						X
Edward C. Levy Co.	Huger	SC	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Essroc Corp.	Middlebranch	OH	Miscellaneous domestic and foreign		X				
Florida Rock Industries, Inc.	Tampa	FL	Various foreign		X				



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Fritz Enterprises, Inc.	Fairfield	AL	U.S. Steel LLC	X			X		
Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.	Jacksonville	FL	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.	Charlotte	NC	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Glens Falls-Lehigh Cement Co.	Cementon	NY	Various foreign		X				
Holcim (US) Inc.	Birmingham (Fairfield)	AL	U.S. Steel LLC		X				
Holcim (US) Inc.	Gary	IN	U.S. Steel LLC		X				
Holcim (US) Inc.	Weirton	WV	Weirton Steel Corp.		X				
Lafarge North America Inc.	Chicago	IL	Ispat Inland Steel, Inc.		X				
Lafarge North America Inc.	Joppa	IL	Ispat Inland Steel, Inc.		X				
Lafarge North America Inc.	East Chicago	IN	Ispat Inland Steel, Inc.			X			
Lafarge North America Inc.	Sparrows Point	MD	International Steel Group Inc.		X				
Lafarge North America Inc.	Cleveland (Cuyahoga Co.)	OH	International Steel Group Inc.	X					
Lafarge North America Inc.	Lordstown	OH	Old slag pile site		X				
Lafarge North America Inc.	McDonald	OH	Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co.	X					
Lafarge North America Inc.	Salt Springs (Youngstown)	OH	Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co.	X					
Lafarge North America Inc.	Warren	OH	WCI Steel Inc.	X					
Lafarge North America Inc.	West Mifflin	PA	U.S. Steel LLC (ET Works)	X					
Lafarge North America Inc.	West Mifflin (Brown Reserve)	PA	Old slag pile site	X					
Lafarge North America Inc.	Whitehall	PA	Various foreign		X				
Lafarge North America Inc.	Seattle	WA	Various foreign		X				
Lafarge North America Inc.	Weirton	WV	Weirton Steel Corp.	X					
Lehigh Cement	Evansville	PA	Various foreign		X				
Levy Co., Inc., The	Burns Harbor	IN	International Steel Group Inc.	X			X		



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Levy Co., Inc., The	East Chicago	IN	International Steel Group Inc.	X					
Levy Co., Inc., The	Gary	IN	U.S. Steel LLC	X	X				
Mountain Enterprises, Inc.	Ashland	KY	AK Steel Corp.	X					
MultiServ	Birmingham	AL	Structural Metals Corp.						X
MultiServ	Tuscaloosa	AL	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
MultiServ	Blytheville	AR	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
MultiServ	Blytheville (Armored)	AR	Nucor-Yamato Steel Co.						X
MultiServ	Pueblo	CO	Rocky Mountain Steel Mills						X
MultiServ	Wilton (Muscatine)	IA	IPSCO Steel, Inc.						X
MultiServ	East Chicago	IN	Ispat Inland Steel, Inc.				X		
MultiServ	Indiana Harbor	IN	International Steel Group Inc.				X		
MultiServ	Ghent	KY	Gallatin Steel Co.						X
MultiServ	Sparrows Point	MD	International Steel Group Inc.	X			X		
MultiServ	Ahoskie (Cofield)	NC	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
MultiServ	Canton	OH	Republic Engineered Products LLC						X
MultiServ	Mansfield	OH	AK Steel Corp.				X		
MultiServ	Warren	OH	WCI Steel Inc.				X		
MultiServ	Braddock (Mon Valley)	PA	U.S. Steel/Republic Technologies				X		
MultiServ	Butler	PA	AK Steel Corp.						X
MultiServ	Coatesville	PA	International Steel Group Inc.						X
MultiServ	Koppel	PA	Koppel Steel Co. (NS Group, Inc.)						X



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MultiServ	Steelton	PA	International Steel Group Inc.						X
MultiServ	Midlothian	TX	TXI Chaparral Steel Co.						X
MultiServ	Geneva (Provo)	UT	Geneva Steel Holdings Corp.6	X			X		
MultiServ	Seattle	WA	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Rinker Materials Corp.	Miami	FL	Various foreign		X				
St. Lawrence Cement, Inc.	Camden	NJ	Various foreign		X				
St. Marys Cement, Inc.	Detroit	MI	Various foreign		X				
Stein, Inc.	Sterling	IL	Sterling Steel, Inc.						X
Stein, Inc.	Ashland	KY	AK Steel Corp.	X			X		
Stein, Inc.	Cleveland	OH	International Steel Group Inc.	X			X		
Stein, Inc.	Loraine	OH	Republic Engineered Products LLC	X			X		
Titan Florida, Inc.	Medley	FL	Various foreign		X				
Tube City IMS Corp.	Birmingham	AL	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Newport	AR	Arkansas Steel Assoc.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Rancho Cucamonga	CA	TAMCO Steel						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Portage	IN	Beta Steel Corp.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Norfolk	NE	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Perth Amboy	NJ	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Sayreville	NJ	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Middletown	OH	AK Steel Corp.	X			X		
Tube City IMS Corp.	Mingo Junction	OH	Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel Corp.	X			X		



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Tube City IMS Corp.	Youngstown	OH	V&M Star (North Star, Inc.)						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Sand Springs	OK	Sheffield Steel Corp.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Cayce	SC	SMI/CMC Steel Group						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Knoxville	TN	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Seguin	TX	SMI/CMC Steel Group						X
Tube City IMS Corp.	Petersburg	VA	TXI Chaparral Steel Co.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Axis	AL	IPSCO Steel, Inc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Fort Smith	AR	Macsteel						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Newport	AR	Arkansas Steel Assoc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Kingman	AZ	North Star Steel Inc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Claymont	DE	CitiSteel USA, Inc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Cartersville	GA	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Wilton (Muscatine)	IA	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Kankakee	IL	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Peoria	IL	Keystone Steel & Wire Co.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Laplace	LA	Bayou Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Jackson	MI	Macsteel						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Monroe	MI	Macsteel (Quanex)						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	St. Paul	MN	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Jackson	MS	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Charlotte	NC	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X



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Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Sayreville	NJ	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Auburn	NY	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Marion	OH	Marion Steel Co.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	McMinnville	OR	Cascade Steel Rolling Mills, Inc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Portland	OR	Oregon Steel Mills Inc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Bethlehem	PA	Old slag pile site	X			X		
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Bridgeville	PA	Universal Stainless & Alloy Products Inc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Midland	PA	J&L Specialty Products, Inc.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Monroeville	PA	Old slag pile site					X	
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	New Castle	PA	Ellwood Quality Steels Co.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Park Hill (Johnstown)	PA	Old slag pile site				X		
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Pricedale	PA	Old slag pile site				X		
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Reading	PA	Carpenter Technology Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Darlington	SC	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Georgetown	SC	Georgetown Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Jackson	TN	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Beaumont	TX	Gerdau Ameristeel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Jewett	TX	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Longview	TX	LeTourneau Steel Group						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Plymouth	UT	Nucor Steel Corp.						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Saukville	WI	Charter Steel						X
Tube City-IMS, IMS Division	Weirton	WV	Weirton Steel Corp.				X		

- In 1997, iron and steel slag consumption totaled approximately 21.4 million tons valued at about \$147 million.
- Of this total, BF slag accounted for approximately 65 percent of the tonnage and was worth about \$118 million.
- Steel slag accounted for the remainder.
- The physical shape of slag particles make steelmaking slag a superior material for use as a construction aggregate, currently the major use of steelmaking slag.
- Natural aggregates, such as limestone, sand, and gravel products, compete with slag for use as a construction aggregate.
- Because slag is a renewable mineral resource, its use reduces the consumption of natural resources by the construction industry.

○ Major uses of steelmaking slag:

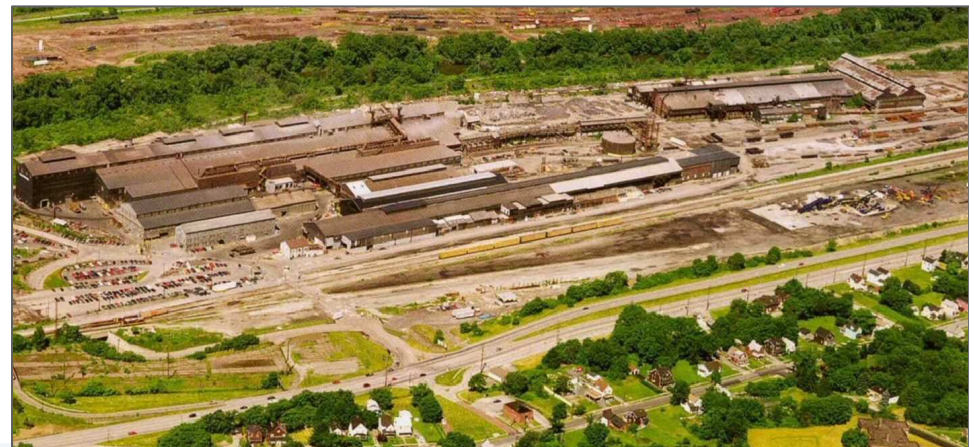
- Aggregate in bituminous mixes such as: pavement surfaces, bases, surface treatments, seal coats, slurry coats, and cold patch.
- Concrete aggregate and as an ingredient in cement
- Anti-skid aggregate (snow and ice control aggregate)
- Surfacing of stabilized shoulders, banks and other select material
- Bank stabilization (erosion control aggregate)
- Gabions and riprap
- Aggregate base courses and sub-bases
- Unpaved driveways, surface roads, and walkways
- Mineral wool (home and appliance insulation)
- Railroad ballast
- Neutralization of mine drainage and industrial discharge
- Agricultural uses, such as soil remineralization and conditioning, pH supplement/liming agent, fertilizer
- Controlled, granular fills, such as those for unpaved parking and storage areas, pipe and tank backfill, berm construction, and other industrial and construction activity
- Construction aggregate or a fluxing agent at steel mills
- Landfill daily cover material
- Landscape aggregate
- Trench aggregate/drain fields
- Sand blast grit
- Roofing granules
- Bulk filler (e.g., paints, plastics, adhesives)

The V&M - Youngstown facility includes:

- An 85-ton electric arc furnace;
- A 3-strand continuous caster of 8 3/4" or 11 1/4" rounds;
- A walking beam reheat furnace; and
- A 6-stand retained mandrel mill (MPM).

Site Statistics

- 27.05 acres owned
- 112.93 acres leased
- 29.2 acres under roof



- Mini-mill with a 830,000 short ton per year capacity.
- Produce high quality seamless steel pipe for the oil and gas industries.
- Annual output capacity is approximately 610,000 tons of finished tubular products, of which 66% are Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG).
- Produced approximately 34,744 tons of slag in 2009, which is sold to a third part for processing.
- Slag produced per month is approximately 10-12% of liquid steel tons.

- Tube City IMS serves as the third part processor for the V&M STAR Youngstown facility.
- After slag is poured off EAF it is transported to a cooling pit and watering area.
- The slag is then sorted, all large pieces of steel are removed with a magnetic crane, and then run through a separator which sorts the slag according to sizes.
- The sized slag is then sold to outside companies for many different applications.
- All slag processed is sold to an outside company, no waste is generated.
- At V&M STAR the mTon of Slag per mTon of Liquid Steel Produced = .12

3RD PARTY SLAG SALES - 2009

<u>9-Jan</u>	<u>2,191 tons</u>		<u>9-Jul</u>	<u>1,163 tons</u>	
Robert Janson		637	Gwinn Brothers		238
Foster Trucking		512	Murphy Trucking		123
Youngstown Iron		250	Ray Brothers		113
Lakeside		210			
<u>9-Feb</u>	<u>2,216 tons</u>		<u>9-Aug</u>	<u>2,767 tons</u>	
Murphy Trucking		551	Youngstown Iron		320
Foster Trucking		253	Ray Brothers		292
Ray Brothers		229	Larson Trucking		265
Rt#5 Sand & Gravel		212	Lee Gardner		172
			Simak Trucking		170
			Robert Janson		124
<u>9-Mar</u>	<u>6,051 tons</u>		<u>9-Sep</u>	<u>2,279 tons</u>	
Ray Brothers		1,491	Gwinn Brothers		827
Murphy Trucking		1,361	Ray Brothers		500
Rt#5 Sand & Gravel		405	Simak Trucking		250
JDS Landscape		374	Robert Janson		153
Gwinn Brothers		325			
Simak		309			
<u>9-Apr</u>	<u>4,076 tons</u>		<u>9-Oct</u>	<u>2,912 tons</u>	
Ray Brothers		818	Youngstown Iron		826
Don Kennedy		817	Gwinn Brothers		738
Murphy Trucking		217	Ray Brothers		451
NJM Excavating		176	JDS Landscaping		148
Rt#5 Sand & Gravel		134	Robert Janson		102
<u>9-May</u>	<u>2,414 tons</u>		<u>9-Nov</u>	<u>3,961 tons</u>	
Ray Brothers		296	Total Waste Logistics		1,419
Gwinn Brothers		282	Ray Brothers		691
Rt#5 Sand & Gravel		202	Gwinn Brothers		355
Murphy Trucking		170	Simak Trucking		307
			Robert Janson		288
<u>9-Jun</u>	<u>3,099 tons</u>		<u>9-Dec</u>	<u>1,615 tons</u>	
Ray Brothers		651	Gwinn Brothers		532
Gwinn Brothers		498	Simak Trucking		301
Rt#5 Sand & Gravel		253	Ray Brothers		262
Murphy Trucking		124	Youngstown Iron		250

TOTAL TONS FOR 2009 = 34,744

- V & M Star pilot study to reduce waste and increase recycling efforts was successfully completed in 2008.
- Ohio EPA was involved in and approved of pilot study.
- Waste streams (mill scale and sludge) that are generated during production of seamless pipe were incorporated into a road base material.
- The objectives of the pilot study included: providing sufficient strength to support heavy equipment, flexibility to prevent cracking, durability for long service life, and stability to bind and secure any residual metals, oil, and/or grease present in the mill scale and sludge.
- Waste streams were mixed with fly ash, steel furnace slag, and cement to create a strong base material to use during road improvement operations within the facility.
- Since the pilot study, a 600 foot section of this road base material was utilized at the Youngstown facility.
- V&M STAR Environmental Department has requested continued installation of the road base material throughout the plant in upcoming years as a feasible alternative to off-site disposal, potentially increasing the average waste recycling rate to greater than 90%.



Slag roadway installation



2008 Pilot Study (cont.)



Completed slag
roadway



Sludge Pad



- **V&M STAR Ohio received the 2009 Steel Manufactures Association Recycling Award for the road way project.**
- **Additionally, the facility is in the final selection process for the Ohio Environmental Stewardship Award.**



Comparison of V&M Slag Analytical to Regulated Level (ppm)

	2010 Analytical	Regulated Level
Arsenic	ND	5
Barium	.266	100
Cadmium	ND	1
Lead	ND	5
Selenium	ND	1
Silver	ND	5



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<http://www.steelnet.org/>

- 1. Information developed by the National Slag Association – Environmental Committee**