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in Zelenople, and is converting its pickling lines to a hydrogen peroxide process that dissolves naturally and eliminates nitrate pollution.

AK Steel must operate the reverse osmosis system whenever Zelenople draws water from the Connoquenessing. The system can filter 600 gallons of raw water per minute. If the reverse osmosis system is not functioning, AK Steel must provide bottled water to all Zelenople water customers, under the consent agreement.

The normal water supply is Scholar's Run, which is used to fill the borough's reservoir. But dry conditions have dropped the town reservoir more than five feet, close to the level where Zelenople must institute conservation measures under its permit from the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Resources. Those measures include drawing water from Connoquenessing Creek, the secondary source of supply. *Source: EPA Region 3*

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Oregon Steel Mills, Inc. announces that it has scheduled a one-week temporary curtailment at two of its operating facilities. The Portland, Ore., plate rolling mill will curtail production on August 5 for seven days, starting back up on August 12. The company's Napa pipe mill will cease operations for six days beginning August 6, resuming production on August 14. The company's steelmaking facility in Portland will continue to operate.

The reduction in operations is in response to a short-term decline in market conditions for plate products and a lack of sufficient semi-finished materials. In addition, an unanticipated delay in the arrival of a shipment of purchased slabs negatively impacted plate supply to the company's Napa pipe mill.

Oregon Steel believes that the slowness in the plate market is temporary and will improve over the remainder of the year. Shipments of pipe from the Napa pipe mill are still expected to be 240,000 tons for the year 2001. The company also believes that the demand for large-diameter line pipe is strengthening.

Coalition Makes Plans to Restart CSC - [Back to Top](#)

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A newly formed coalition is making plans to restart CSC Ltd.

CSC, operating under Chapter 11 protection since January 2001, ceased operations in April 2001 due to an inability to secure the necessary working capital. The coalition, which includes Hatch Beddows and CSC management, plans to restart the facility as a collaborative effort with the United Steelworkers of America (USWA).

The coalition has been formed by Renaissance Partners, Inc., a leading management buyout firm. Labor and transactional expertise will be provided by Doepken Keevican & Weiss, and turnaround and business reorganization expertise will be provided by DKW Value Recovery.

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Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported that the U. S. imported a total of 2,432,000 net tons (NT) of steel in June, including 2,025,000 NT of finished steel. According to AISI, finished steel imports rose 13% in the second quarter of 2001 from the first quarter of the year (from 5,404,000 NT to 6,107,000 NT). During the first half of 2001, the U.S. imported a total of 11,510,000 NT of finished steel. An AISI spokesman noted that finished steel import volume and market share continue to exceed pre-crisis levels.