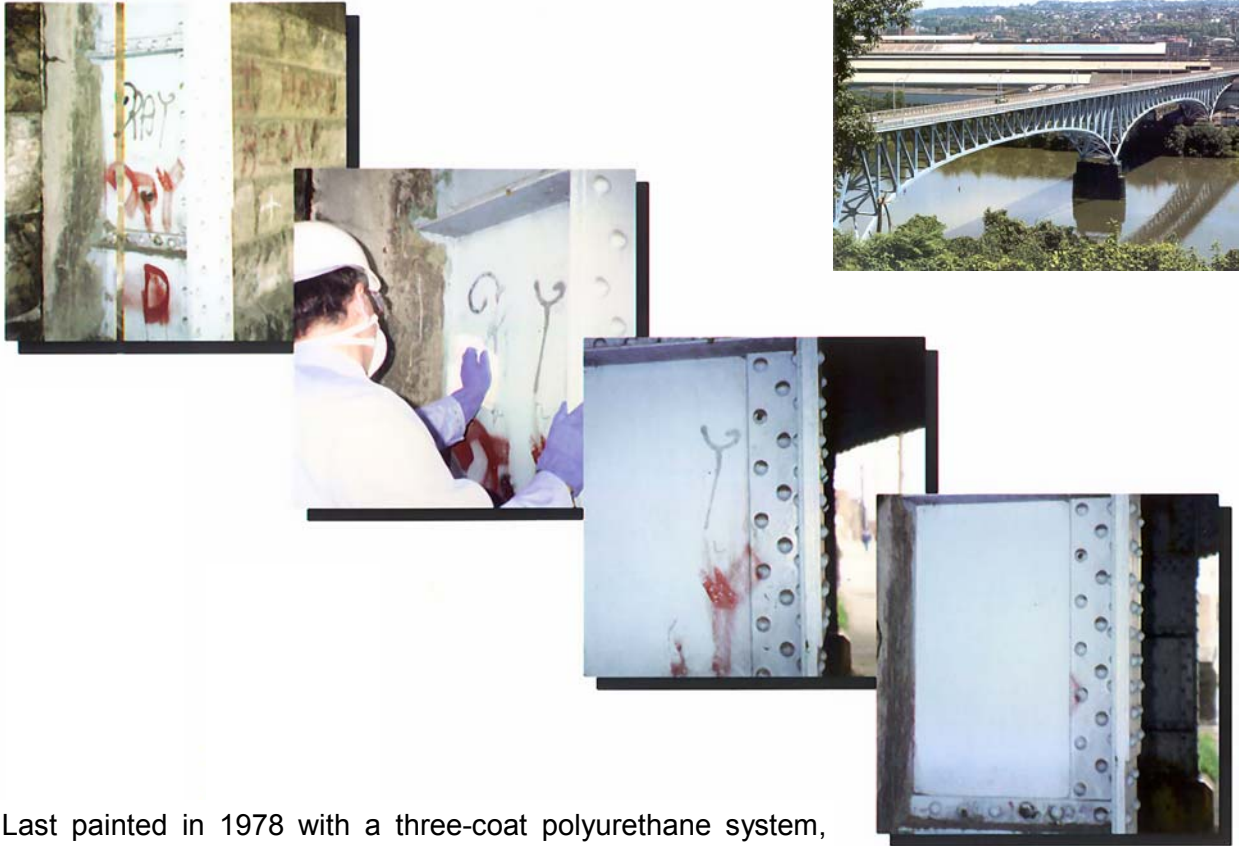




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Homestead High-Level Bridge



Last painted in 1978 with a three-coat polyurethane system, the Homestead high-Level Bridge near Pittsburgh has a steel column near a sidewalk. Over the years, vandals have found its proximity irresistible, defacing the light blue topcoated column with red and black spray-painted markings.

Although some of the graffiti was on the column “for at least 10 years,” a recent cleaning using MEK and toluene “easily removed the dirty work with no damage to the 15-year old coating system,” said Richard Connors, Director of Public Works for Allegheny County. “Even after all this time, the polyurethane topcoat looked almost new after the cleaning.”

The three-coat system, supplied by **Coatings For Industry, Inc.**, of Souderton, PA, includes a moisture-curing aluminum spot primer and intermediate coats containing **Bayer’s** Desmodur aromatic polyisocyanates. The final finish is a polyurethane topcoat incorporating Desmodur aliphatic polyisocyanates and Desmophen polyester polyols from **Bayer**.

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