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## Interstate 78, Lehigh Valley, PA



*Anti-graffiti polyurethane coatings help protect the interlocking concrete walls that run through several Allentown municipal parks.*

A "blank canvas" is one way to describe the interlocking concrete retaining walls and sound barriers erected during the 1986-89 expansion of Interstate 78 in Lehigh Valley, Pa.

Running through several Allentown municipal parks, the walls range in height from 10 feet to 25 feet, providing broad expanses for trouble-making Titians and other graffiti vandals.

To provide for the swift removal of any noncommissioned artwork along the 32-mile stretch of road, a three-coat polyurethane system supplied by **Coatings for Industry, Inc.**, of Souderton, Pa., was specified. The system utilizes **Bayer's** Desmodur E type aromatic polyisocyanates in the primer, and Desmodur N aliphatic polyisocyanates and Desmophen polyester polyols in the intermediate coat and topcoat.

As part of the project, several bridges, including the Delaware Parkway Bridge, also were repainted with the polyurethane coating system, "to protect them from graffiti and to unify the appearance of the old and new sections," explained James E. Kubanick, Marketing Manager for Coatings for Industry.

With some other coatings, Mr. Kubanick pointed out, "removing graffiti can be a problem. Heavy black paint, in particular, can leave shadows, even after extensive exposure to solvents."

But, with the polyurethane coatings, he reported, vandalized sections can be sprayed with an industrial-strength, graffiti-removal cleaner, and "even the toughest graffiti will wash off with light scrubbing."

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