

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

January 21, 2016

UNITED STATES STEEL	)	
CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	PCB 13-62
	)	(Permit Appeal - Air)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL	)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. A. Burke):

On April 1, 2013 the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) issued a permit to United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel) authorizing construction of a new baghouse at U.S. Steel’s integrated iron and steel mill located at 20th and State Streets, Granite City, Madison County. U.S. Steel appealed certain conditions in the permit and the Board granted U.S. Steel’s motion to stay the effectiveness of the contested permit conditions.

On February 10, 2015, U.S. Steel filed a motion to stay this proceeding. The Board granted the stay until January 1, 2016, stating that any motion to extend the stay beyond that date must be directed to the Board and accompanied by a status report.

On December 30, 2015, U.S. Steel filed a motion to extend the stay in this proceeding. U.S. Steel reiterates that emission factors at issue in the construction permit originated in a prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permit issued on January 25, 1996 to the prior owner and operator of U.S. Steel’s facility. Motion at 2. U.S. Steel states that it continues to engage in periodic discussions with the Agency, and that it is necessary to allow additional time for the revision and reissuance of the PSD permit to resolve this appeal. *Id.* U.S. Steel does not specify a deadline for the stay, instead requesting that the Board extend the stay in this proceeding “until the PSD Permit has been revised and reissued” by the Agency. *Id.* at 3. The Agency did not file a response to the motion, although U.S. Steel states that “Counsel for Respondent has no objection to the granting of this Motion.” *Id.*

Due to the length of time this appeal has been pending, the Board requires additional information as to the reason a stay is needed and the status of this appeal, pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.514(a). Another year has passed and U.S. Steel’s motion is nearly identical to its prior motion filed February 10, 2015. Based on U.S. Steel’s motions and its petition, the dispute lies in the use of emission factors in the 1996 permit and the incorporation of these emission factors in the 2013 construction permit (as well as the 2013 CAAPP permit at issue in docket PCB 13-53). To evaluate U.S. Steel’s stay request, the Board requires a description of what progress the parties have made toward resolving this appeal over the prior year, a timeline

of steps on behalf of the Agency and U.S. Steel to resolve this appeal, the status of constructing the baghouse, and discussion of how these items impact docket PCB 13-53.

U.S. Steel must file this additional information by February 4, 2016. The Agency may file a response by February 11, 2016.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on January 21, 2016 by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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John T. Therriault, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board