

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 3, 2016

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

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

On May 6, 2013, United States Steel Corporation (U.S. Steel) petitioned the Board to review a construction permit issued on April 1, 2013 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency). The permit authorizes construction of a baghouse to control emissions from furnaces at U.S. Steel’s integrated iron and steel mill located in Granite City, Madison County. The Board previously stayed this proceeding until January 1, 2016.

On December 30, 2015, U.S. Steel moved to extend the stay. U.S. Steel states that emission factors at issue in its construction permit originated in a prior construction permit/prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permit issued 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 meetings with the Agency, and that it is necessary to allow additional time for these discussions to resolve this matter. *Id.* U.S. Steel does not specify an end date for the stay, instead requesting that the Board extend the stay “until the PSD Permit has been revised and reissued” by the Agency. *Id.* at 3.

On January 21, 2016, the Board directed U.S. Steel to provide more information in support of its motion, which U.S. Steel filed on February 4, 2016. U.S. Steel states that it met with the Agency seven times in 2015, with another meeting scheduled for March 3, 2016. U.S. Steel is unable to commit to a timeframe to resolve this appeal due to the Agency’s personnel constraints and U.S. Steel’s temporary idling of the Granite City facility.

U.S. Steel’s motion and the additional information filed on February 4 state why the stay is requested and provide information on meetings held during 2015, as required by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.514(a). In addition, U.S. Steel waived the decision deadline until April 30, 2017. The Agency did not respond to the motion, although U.S. Steel states that the attorney for the Agency did not object to granting the motion. Motion at 3.

The Board stays this proceeding until August 18, 2016. A motion to stay this appeal beyond that date must be accompanied by a detailed status report of the progress in this appeal

over the forthcoming months, as well as explanation of why a further stay is needed such as future steps to be taken during such a stay, all as required by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.514(a). Further, the Board directs U.S. Steel to file a status report by March 17, 2016, detailing progress made at the March 3, 2016 meeting with the Agency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Assistant Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on March 3, 2016, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown".

Don A. Brown, Assistant Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board