

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

UNITED STATES STEEL)
CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation,)
)
Petitioner,)
)
v.) PCB No. 13-62
) (Permit Appeal - Air)
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)
PROTECTION AGENCY,)
)
Respondent.)

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: Mr. John Therriault
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board the **PETITIONER'S STATUS REPORT REGARDING MEETING WITH RESPONDENT ON MARCH 3, 2016**, a copy of which is hereby served upon

Respectfully submitted,
HEPLERBROOM, LLC,

Dated: March 17, 2016

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Katherine D. Hodge, the undersigned, certify that I have served the attached
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NOW COMES Petitioner, UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION (“U.S. Steel”), and pursuant to the Illinois Pollution Control Board’s (“Board”) request included in the Board’s March 3, 2016, Order entered in this matter, provides the following status report detailing progress made during U.S. Steel’s meeting with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“Illinois EPA”) on March 3, 2016.

By way of background, U.S. Steel is contesting several specific conditions relating to “emission factors” in a construction permit issued by Illinois EPA to U.S. Steel for the construction of a new baghouse at U.S. Steel’s Granite City Works (“Construction Permit”). The “emission factors” themselves were incorporated into the Construction Permit from the Construction Permit/Prevention of Significant Deterioration (“PSD”) Approval No. 95010001 (“PSD Permit”) issued to National Steel, the prior owner and operator of the Granite City Works, by Illinois EPA on January 25, 1996 (and subsequently revised and reissued on several occasions).

The issue of whether the “emission factors,” as incorporated into the Construction Permit, are enforceable “emission limits,” must be resolved in a permitting transaction for the underlying PSD Permit. The parties are unable to resolve this appeal relating to the Construction Permit

until resolution is reached as to the PSD Permit. Thus, the parties have been progressively working toward negotiating a resolution of this issue in the context of the PSD Permit in a separate permitting transaction that is not before the Board. U.S. Steel believes, based on several meetings between the parties, that a resolution can be reached. The most recent meeting between the parties occurred on March 3, 2016.

During this meeting, the parties discussed an update of the work performed in reviewing the permitting record for the PSD Permit in order to determine the supporting bases for the “emission factors” at issue. U.S. Steel is continuing to review the permitting record associated with the PSD Permit, as well as other supporting bases for the “emission factors” at issue, and will provide updated information to Illinois EPA when the parties meet again, which is tentatively scheduled for June 2016. The parties also discussed the proposed schedule for testing additional specific emission units, which is dependent upon the duration of the temporary idling of the Granite City Works. Finally, the parties discussed the overall approach for accomplishing the necessary revisions to the PSD Permit.

As discussed above, the parties are actively progressing toward a resolution of the PSD Permit. After the parties have resolved the PSD Permit, the parties can then proceed with resolving the contested permit conditions at issue in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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