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Health Department Levies Fine to US Steel for 2nd Quarter Violations *Air Quality Division Approves Action Plan for Compliance Improvement*

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) levied a fine of \$620,316 for the second quarter of 2018 due to continued emissions problems at the Clairton Coke Works facility. The fines reflect an increase in the number of violations over the previous quarter.

In June, an ACHD [enforcement order](#) was issued which also included a civil penalty of more than \$1 million for violations that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2017, and the first quarter of 2018. US Steel filed an [administrative appeal](#) of the order and penalty in July. As per the enforcement order, US Steel submitted an [action plan for compliance improvement](#) in August. ACHD recently approved the plan to reduce future SO₂, PM 2.5 and visible emissions at Clairton Coke Works. Implementation of the planned measures must begin by Friday, November 2, 2018.

ACHD will quantify reductions of visible emissions by an increase in the rate of compliance with both inspection and continuous opacity monitors. If compliance rates do not improve over two-consecutive calendar quarters beginning January 1, 2019, the two worst-performing batteries at the Clairton facility will be ordered to cease operation (placed on hot idle) until the department has determined that US Steel has complied with the terms of the order.

The appeal filed by US Steel in July remains active. A hearing will be held to determine the merits of US Steel's appeal starting on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the first-floor conference room in Clack Building 7. The hearing is open to the public, and future updates on the case will be posted on the Health Department's [legal page](#).

For more information on the department's efforts to improve air quality and decrease air pollution, visit <http://bit.ly/ACHD-AQ>.

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