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Health Department Petitions to Intervene in Federal Suit Against US Steel

PITTSBURGH – On Monday, April 29, the National Environmental Law Center, on behalf of its clients, the Clean Air Council and PennEnvironment, filed a lawsuit against U.S. Steel seeking remedies for the air quality violations related to the December 24, 2018 fire at the Clairton Coke Works facility. This morning, the Allegheny County Health Department filed a motion to intervene in that lawsuit.

Joining this action will ensure the strongest case possible is brought against U.S. Steel. After reviewing the initial filing, our legal counsel determined that collaborating with the citizens' groups would increase the resources available to the department and allow for the best possible outcome of our enforcement action for public health and impacted residents.

If the motion to intervene is granted, the Health Department will be pursuing remedies and civil penalties through the federal judicial system rather than issuing those unilaterally through an administrative order.

Because this is a legal matter, the Department will not have any further comment on it but believes that the filing speaks for itself. The Motion to Intervene can be found at <http://bit.ly/2Y9TERf> and the Complaint in Intervention can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2Y40qrt>.

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