

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

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Today, November 21, the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) issued the Title V Permit for U.S. Steel's Clairton Coke Works. Title V is part of a federal program designed to standardize air quality permits and the permitting process for major sources of emissions across the country. The ACHD has been given authority by the EPA to implement the federal Title V operating permit program in Allegheny County. Permits are legally enforceable documents designed to improve compliance by clarifying what facilities must do to control air pollution.

U.S. Steel's Clairton Coke Works received its original Title V permit on March 27, 2012. The organization applied for a renewed Title V permit on September 26, 2016. A variety of circumstances over the next several years, including the adoption of EPA's RACT (Reasonably Available Control Technologies) II and III Rules, the Clairton fire and possible operational changes at the site, required a pause in the permit process. Since then, the Health Department conducted an extensive internal and external approval process before issuing today's Title V permit. The process timeline, included:

- 01/13/22 - Draft permit advertised for public comment in *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and on ACHD website (original end date 02/28/22)
- 02/15/22 - Public comment period extended until 03/15/22
- 02/22/22 - Public hearing on draft permit held in Clairton
- 03/15/22 - End of public comment period
- 09/28/22 - Proposed permit and comment/response document submitted to EPA for 45-day review (original end date 11/14/22)
- 10/18/22 - ACHD withdrew proposed permit from 45-day review on recommendation of EPA to clarify some responses in comment/response document
- 11/16/22 - Proposed permit and comment/response document resubmitted to EPA for 45-day review
- 11/17/22 - Notice from EPA that they had no further comments
- 11/21/2022 – ACHD issued Title V permit for U.S. Steel's Clairton Coke Works"

Throughout the public comment period for the Clairton Coke Works' Title V permit, 592 commentors provided feedback. [Of those comments, 181 were deemed unique and ACHD Air Quality Program staff provided responses.](#) The comment and response document is available on the ACHD's website.

The Title V permit can be [viewed on the ACHD's website.](#)



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