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Health Department Finalizes Settlement Agreement and Order with U.S. Steel

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) announced that it has finalized the settlement agreement and order with U.S. Steel that was issued in June of 2019.

The agreement addresses ACHD's 2018 enforcement order and all subsequent penalties issued against the Clairton Coke Works from 2018-19. It also requires the company meet the improvement criteria of the 2018 enforcement order, which includes \$200 million in plant improvements.

Two important elements of the final order have been completed:

- A **Community Benefit Trust** has been established for impacted communities: Clairton, Glassport, Liberty, Lincoln and Port Vue. These communities will be able to utilize funds for projects that improve, protect, or reduce the risk to public health or the environment. The Smithfield Trust Company will serve as administrator of the trust and will guide the communities with all aspects of administration.
 - These communities represent the areas that modeling has demonstrated to be the most immediately impacted by the emissions from the Clairton Coke Works and have previously been designated by EPA for failing to meet particulate matter standards.
 - Neither ACHD nor U.S. Steel will be involved in the administration of this trust.
 - The current trust deposits are:
 - \$2,459,253 (Initial Deposit – July of 2019)
 - \$669,262.50 (2nd and 3rd quarter penalties of 2019)
 - 90% of all battery fugitive emissions violations at the Clairton Coke Works will be deposited into the Community Benefit Trust for approximately five years.
- Citizens and elected officials from Clairton, Glassport, Liberty, Lincoln and Port Vue will be selected to be part of a **Community Advisory Panel**.
 - The Panel will meet quarterly with representatives from U.S. Steel to discuss concerns related to the Clairton Coke Works.

To view the finalized agreement and public comment and response document, and for additional information regarding the Community Benefit Trust, visit ACHD's legal page: <http://bit.ly/2H2jnWh>

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