

Pollution Variance

United States Steel Corporation (“U.S. Steel”), located on a site at 20th and State Streets in Granite City, in Madison County, has filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board (“Board”) a petition for variance under Title IX of the Environmental Protection Act (“Act”) [415 ILCS 5/35-38]. The Board has the authority pursuant to Section 35 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/35] and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104 to grant a variance. U.S. Steel requests a variance from the nitrogen oxide emission limitation set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 217.244(a). Specifically, U.S. Steel requests that the Board grant a variance of up to five years from the date of the Board’s final order in this matter from the emission limitation under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 217.244(a) for Slab Reheat Furnace 4, which is classified as a recuperative reheat furnace, combusting a combination of natural gas and coke oven gas. U.S. Steel is seeking a variance in order to allow for additional evaluation of compliance strategies to determine how the furnace can meet the limitation, which could include seeking an alternative nitrogen oxide reasonably available control technology limit for the furnace.

A copy of this variance petition may be obtained through the Clerk’s Office at the Board. The Board’s office address is Illinois Pollution Control Board, James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601 (telephone: 312/814-3620).

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (“Illinois EPA”) solicits the views of persons who may be affected by the variance. Address any comments or inquires to: Gina Roccaforte, Assistant Counsel, Division of Legal Counsel, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Post Office Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-

9276, telephone: 217/782-5544.

The Illinois EPA is preparing a recommendation, and, unless otherwise ordered by the hearing officer or Board, plans to file the recommendation on or before October 24, 2011. The record will remain open for written comments for 45 days after the filing of the recommendation and should be submitted to the Board at the address specified above. The record is available at the Board office for inspection, except those portions that are protected from disclosure under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 130. Procedures are available whereby disclosure may be sought by the public.

A hearing may be held after the filing of the recommendation. However, if a written objection to the variance and a request for hearing are received by the Board office, no later than twenty-one (21) days from the publication of this Notice, the Board must conduct a hearing on the petition.