

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing  
Concerning the Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit  
to United States Steel Corporation in Granite City

United States Steel Corporation, 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15219, has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a permit to construct a cogeneration boiler, a flare, and a cooling tower at its steel mill in Granite City, Illinois. US Steel plans to construct the new boiler and cooling tower across Edwardsville Road from the existing blast furnace operations, while the flare would be located nearer the blast furnaces. US Steel's application shows that this project would not be a major modification under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration, 40 CFR 52.21, or the state rules for Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification, 35 IAC Part 203. This is because the project would be accompanied by contemporaneous decreases in emissions at certain existing units so that there will not be significant net increases in emissions. In particular, the new boiler, which would primarily burn blast furnace gas, would replace ten existing boilers at the mill that currently burn blast furnace gas.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project is entitled to a construction permit. The Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period and a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed issuance of a permit for this project, prior to making a final decision on the application.

**The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on November 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Knight's of Columbus, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.** The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the application. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by October 22, 2007. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Gina Roccaforte - Hearing Officer, Re: US Steel, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

**Written comments must sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, December 7, 2007,** unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at [www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm) (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permit, New). These documents and the application can also be viewed at the Six Mile Regional Library District, 2001 Delmar Avenue in

Granite City and the Illinois EPA's offices at 2009 Mall Street in Collinsville, 618/346-5120 and 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:  
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