



## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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June 21, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

Mr. Joseph Hanning  
United States Steel Corporation  
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JEHanning@uss.com

Re: Document Review Enforcement Action  
Letter  
United States Steel Corporation  
Source ID 089-00121  
Gary, Lake County

Dear Mr. Joseph Hanning:

A representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ), has reviewed the Quarterly Deviation and Compliance Monitoring Report for the 1st quarter of 2024 concerning United States Steel Corporation located at One North Broadway in Gary, Indiana. As a result of information obtained during that review, IDEM alleges a violation of 326 IAC 6.8-10-3, 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart FFFFF, and Conditions C.5(k), F.9.2(29) of Title V Permit No. T089-46133-00121 (Permit) has occurred.

At the time of the review, the following violations were noted:

- 1) Pursuant to condition C.5(k) of the Permit, United States Steel Corporation shall meet a twenty percent (20%), three (3) minute average opacity standard.

Based on information provided to IDEM, OAQ, United States Steel Corporation exceeded the opacity standard on one (1) occasion, on February 12, 2024, at the No.1 BOP Roof Monitor from 7:28:30 am to 7:31:15 am, there was a three-minute rolling average of forty (40) percent (%), in violation of 326 IAC 6.8-10-3 and condition C.5(k) of the Permit.

- 2) Pursuant to Table 3, Row 12 of 40 CFR 63, Subpart FFFFF, and Condition F.9.2(29) of the Permit, United States Steel Corporation shall maintain the opacity of secondary emissions that exit any opening in the BOP shop, or other building housing the BOP shop, or shop operation at or below 20 percent (3-minute average).

Based on information provided to IDEM, OAQ, United States Steel Corporation exceeded the opacity standard on one (1) occasion, on February 12, 2024, at the No.1 BOP Roof Monitor, from 7:30:00 am to 7:32:45 am there was a three-minute average of forty (40)%, in violation of 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart FFFFF, and Condition F.9.2(29) of the Permit.

- 3) Pursuant to condition C.5(k) of the Permit, United States Steel Corporation shall meet a twenty percent (20%), three (3) minute average opacity standard.

Based on information provided to IDEM, OAQ, United States Steel Corporation exceeded the opacity standard on one (1) occasion, on March 21, 2024, at the No.2 Q BOP Roof Monitor from 7:51:45 am to 7:54:30 am, there was a three-minute rolling average of twenty-nine (29) percent (%), in violation of 326 IAC 6.8-10-3 and condition C.5(k) of the Permit.

This matter will be referred for formal enforcement action. IDEM Office of Air Quality would like to take this opportunity to encourage discussions concerning the facts of the case, any additional information that may be available, and to provide you with information concerning the enforcement process.

An enforcement case manager will contact you to discuss this matter and schedule an informational meeting concerning this matter. In the meantime, please direct any questions to Kevin Davis, Compliance Inspector, at 219-306-1240 or by email at [ktDavis@idem.IN.gov](mailto:ktDavis@idem.IN.gov).

Sincerely,



for

Charles Breitenfeldt, Deputy Director  
Northwest Regional Office  
Office of Air Quality

ACES ID: 297952

cc: Lake County Health Department  
Mr. David McIver, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality

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Received.

Thanks,  
Joe

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**United States Steel Corp. - ID# 089-00121**

Dear Mr. Joseph Hanning:

Please find attached a PDF copy of the Enforcement Action Letter issued for United States Steel Corporation, Lake County, IN.

If you have questions about the inspection or document review that identified the issues noted in the letter, please contact Kevin Davis, Compliance Inspector, at (219) 306-1240 or [ktdavis@idem.IN.gov](mailto:ktdavis@idem.IN.gov). Your case manager, who will serve as your contact regarding any enforcement action with respect to those issues, will communicate with you soon to schedule an informational meeting concerning this matter.

Please confirm your receipt of this electronic document.

Thank you

**Goldie Roberts**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
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