

Cleveland-Cliffs Steelton LLC (Cleveland-Cliffs) Plan Approval Application

What is this about?

Cleveland-Cliffs is a permitted steel mini-mill facility producing steel ingot and rail track located in the Borough of Steelton, Dauphin County. The company is seeking to replace its existing rail rolling operations with modern rail rolling equipment to improve product quality and to meet customer needs. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Air Quality Program is currently reviewing an application (PA 22-05012F) and is expected to make a decision after completing a thorough technical review and receiving comments from the public.

If approved, the proposed project is expected to increase air emissions from the facility. DEP's review will ensure that these changes do not significantly increase ambient air pollutant concentrations outside the plant boundaries. The facility will be required to meet all applicable regulatory pollution standards and laws.

The proposal would increase air emissions from the facility by: 9.34 tons per year (tpy) inhalable particulate matter (PM₁₀), 5.94 tpy fine inhalable particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), 9.63 tpy sulfur oxides, 36.60 tpy nitrogen oxides, 13.70 tpy volatile organic compounds, and 215.78 tpy carbon monoxide.

What happens next?

A facility must first obtain a Plan Approval prior to starting construction of a project. A Plan Approval is a construction permit for the installation and/or modification of new and/or existing equipment that is regulated for air pollution. Once the proposed installations and/or modifications have been completed and the sources have begun operating, the Plan Approval will serve as a temporary operating permit until its requirements are incorporated into the facility's Title V Operating Permit.

What is the review process?

Cleveland-Cliffs submitted the Plan Approval application on December 31, 2021. Upon review of the application and additional materials submitted at a later date, DEP determined that the application was administratively complete on January 27, 2022. DEP has begun the technical review of the application to determine if the proposal fulfills all applicable federal and state regulations. Upon finishing its technical review and upon **DEP concluding that all relevant regulations will be complied with, a draft Plan Approval will be prepared and released for public comment.** DEP, after review of any comments received on the draft, will render a decision, either issuing or denying the application. If approved, the provisions of the Plan Approval will be incorporated into the facility's existing Air Quality Title V Operating Permit at a later date.

What can I comment on?

Interested individuals, local government entities, or their officials, may submit comments on the Plan Approval application. Additionally, those same individuals may submit comments on DEP's technical review memo and DEP's draft decision once a public notice regarding this information is published for public comment. A 30-day comment period from the date of publication of the public notice in the PA

Bulletin and newspaper, will exist for the submission of comments or protests, or for requests for a public hearing.

While all comments are welcome, it is important to focus comments on the submitted materials, regulations, and special conditions DEP may be considering in the draft Plan Approval. As the draft air Plan Approval is expected to address emission limits, monitoring, record-keeping, and reporting requirements, comments on these topics are most applicable. Comments can be submitted in writing to Tom Hanlon at thanlon@pa.gov or to DEP's Southcentral Regional Office, Air Quality Program at 909 Elmerton Ave. Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Will there be a public hearing?

DEP reserves the right to hold a public hearing on the proposed application and action based on information received during the comment period. DEP will provide notice of any scheduled public hearing at least thirty (30) days in advance of the hearing. The hearing notice will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and a newspaper of general circulation where the facility is located.

How can I learn more?

A copy of this application and supporting documents can be accessed by visiting DEP's website at www.dep.pa.gov, and clicking the following links: Regional Resources, Southcentral Regional Office, Community Information, Cleveland-Cliffs Steelton.

If you have any questions about this project, or would like to see a copy of the application, please contact:

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