

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

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March 10, 2026

Certified Mail No: 9489 0090 0027 6047 5242 12

Director, Environmental Control – Mon Valley Works
United States Steel Corporation – Clairton Plant
400 State Street, MS 71
Clairton, PA 15025

Re: January 28, 2026 Event - Demand for Stipulated Penalties for Bypass of Clairton Plant Control Room No. 2 and Control Room No. 5 Civil Action No.2:19 cv-00484

Director,

On January 27, 2026, at 8:37 PM, a United States Steel Corporation (“U. S. Steel”) employee reported a breakdown to the Allegheny County Health Department (“ACHD” or the “Department”) regarding an issue at Control Room No. 2 that resulted in Control Room No. 2 and Control Room No. 5 being bypassed. On January 28, 2026, U. S. Steel reported that the breakdown ended at 8:20 PM and the equipment was back online.

On February 4, 2026, U. S. Steel submitted a follow up breakdown report specifying that it bypassed Control Room No. 2 and Control Room No. 5 from January 27, 2026, 7:54 PM through January 28, 2026, 8:20 PM. Further, this breakdown report indicated that a process upset occurred at the axi compressors of Control Room No. 2. As a result of the process upset, U. S. Steel bypassed Control Room No. 2 and Control Room No. 5 and were unable to fully process coke oven gas. On January 28, 2026, Control Room No. 2 returned to normal operation at 12:12 PM, and Control Room No. 5 returned to normal operation at 8:20 PM.

On February 27, 2026, Pursuant to paragraph 16 of the Consent Decree docketed at cv-00484 (the “Consent Decree”), U. S. Steel submitted the 30-day report for a bypass of Control Room No. 5 that resulted in a 24-hour exceedance of the 25 H₂S grain limit. The 30-day report stated that U. S. Steel emitted 45,176.3 pounds (22.6 tons) of excess SO₂ as a result of the lack of availability of Control Room No. 5. Paragraph 16 of the Consent Decree provides for a stipulated penalty of \$10,000.00 for each calendar day of excess H₂S grain loading where SO₂ emissions exceed 20 tons but do not exceed 40 tons. There was one such day, January 28, 2026, resulting in a stipulated penalty of **\$10,000.00**. No party has validated any exceedances of the Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (“NAAQS”). Subsequent validation may implicate the stipulated penalty provisions in paragraph 17 of the Consent Decree.



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The \$10,000 stipulated penalty required in this letter, which U. S. Steel must within 30 days of receipt of written demand, pertains only to the violation occurring on January 28, 2026. This letter in no way precludes the Department from issuing demands for other stipulated penalties for other violations.

If you have any questions concerning this demand for stipulated penalties, please contact Allason Holt, Program Manager -- Compliance and Enforcement Program, at 412-578-8122 or by email at Allason.Holt@AlleghenyCounty.US. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allason Holt", written in a cursive style.

Allason Holt
Program Manager -- Compliance and Enforcement Program

cc: Matt DeLibero (MDelibero@uss.com)
Mark Jeffrey (MJeffrey@uss.com)
Mike Dzurinko (MDzurinko@uss.com)

AQ Documents File
Clairton Environmental Distribution

Dettlinger, Carl

From: Holt, Allason
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 2:28 PM
To: DeLibero, Matthew J; Jeffrey, Mark A; Dzurinko, Mike G
Cc: USS_CLT_ENV; AQReports
Subject: Demand for Stipulated Penalties - Civil Action 19-484 - January 2026 Event
Attachments: CV 19-484 Demand for January 2026 Outage.pdf

Good Afternoon,

See the attached demand for stipulated penalties under Civil Action No. 2:19-cv-00484 for the control room No. 2 and No.5 bypass event that occurred on January 27 and 28, 2026. A copy will also be sent via certified mail.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this demand.

Thanks,

Allason



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