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**Re: Requests pertaining to Environmental Justice provisions for anticipated Hot Strip Mill Installation Permit public process**

Dear Dr. Vann and Emily Green:

The undersigned organizations and individuals request the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) and the PA Department of Environmental Protection coordinate in order to provide the following public accommodations for the pending release of the Edgar Thomson Hot Strip Mill draft installation permit. These requests align with Pennsylvania's [Environmental Justice policy](#), updated in January 2026. This policy calls for required, enhanced public participation for projects that affect environmental justice areas, including public meetings or hearings and technical assistance for the community. We are hoping that ACHD and the PA DEP can work together to provide this for the communities in the proximity of Edgar Thomson, which are environmental justice communities in PAEnviroScreen. (Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Environmental Justice Policy, adopted Jan. 3, 2026.)

We are requesting the following actions:

- Follow the guidelines of Pennsylvania's Environmental Justice policy trigger provisions for Title V major source emitters.
- Provide technical consulting assistance to impacted environmental justice communities at least 3 weeks in advance before the closing of the public comment period.

- Hold at least one EJ community public meeting in addition to the required comment period at least 3 weeks in advance of the closing of the public comment period. This meeting should have an open microphone format so that all participants can hear all questions and answers during the meeting. People should be able to sign up to speak in advance and during the meeting. There should also be options to participate and comment remotely online as a hybrid meeting.
- Extend the public comment period to at least 45 business days in order to accommodate these additional meetings and sources of information.

We also respectfully request that all documents responsive to all current Right to Know requests pertaining to this permit application be provided before the draft permit is issued for comment.

Success in the Hot Strip Mill permit process would mean not only a strong binding permit that uses best available technology and protects public health, but also a process that is transparent, well-publicized, and technically informed review that gives impacted environmental justice communities a meaningful chance to understand the proposal, shape the record, and trust the final decision.

We appreciate ACHD's continued improvements in community engagement, and we welcome further discussion.

Sincerely,

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