

GRASSROOTS RESIDENT-LED TOWN HALLS



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MEDIA ALERT

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TONIGHT! SWPATHS Town Hall #19 Considers the Health and Pollution Implications of the Hot Strip Mill in Braddock

Nippon Steel wants you to believe that a new Hot Strip Mill at the Edgar Thomson Works in Braddock is progress. It isn't.

It's a billion-dollar bet on the past, made at the expense of the residents of Braddock, an environmental justice community, one of the unhealthiest places to live in America.

Here's what U.S. Steel won't tell you. Building the Hot Strip Mill doesn't replace the old, dangerous infrastructure, it depends on it. The Hot Strip Mill furnaces will be powered by coking gas piped from the Clairton Coke Works to the Edgar Thomson Works site to power its operations. Coke oven gas is dangerous and often carries that awful rotten egg smell from sulfur compounds that are not properly removed or contained.

July 1, 2026 – 7:00 PM

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SPEAKERS:

- Dr. Philip Landrigan, the founding director of Boston College's Global Public Health Program, who will apply his methodology for quantifying deaths and adverse health outcomes due to air pollution for Braddock.
- Qiyam Ansari, Valley Clean Air Now (VCAN), who will share portions of the interim report of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazards Board investigation & the Occupational Safety and Health Administration findings regarding the Clairton explosion, and its implications for Braddock.

- John Graham, Senior Scientist at Clean Air Task Force, on modeling the additional pollution to which Braddock will be exposed from a new Hot Strip Mill.
- Teri Gilmore, resident of Braddock, retired child development professional, who will focus on the social determinants of health in Braddock.
- Nathan Mallory, retired U. S. Air Force veteran, facilities manager at the Veterans Leadership Program working to ensure safe, adequate housing for homeless military veterans, and member of N. Braddock Borough Council.

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