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NOTICE OF 30-DAY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Preliminary Findings Regarding a
Significant Modification to a
Part 70 Operating Permit

for U.S. Steel Corporation - Gary Works in Lake County

PSD/Significant Source Modification No.: 089-50605-00121
Significant Permit Modification No.: 089-50609-00121

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has received an application from U.S. Steel Corporation - Gary Works, located at One North Broadway, Gary, Indiana 46402, for a significant modification of its Part 70 Operating Permit issued on May 7, 2025. If approved by IDEM's Office of Air Quality (OAQ), this proposed modification would allow U.S. Steel Corporation - Gary Works to make certain changes at its existing source. U.S. Steel Corporation - Gary Works has applied for proposed site modernization projects, which involves installation of new emissions units/equipment and other changes to the existing operations at the facility known as the "Primary Project". This includes proposed changes to the existing blast furnaces, No. 1 BOP Shop operations, and No. 2 QBOP Shop operations, and the addition of a new boiler at the Turboblower Boiler House. The source also proposes to replace the existing reheat furnaces within the existing hot strip mill finishing operations at Gary Works with the advanced walking beam furnace ("WBF") type reheat furnaces. This project is identified as the "WBF Project."

The applicant intends to construct and operate new equipment that will emit air pollutants; therefore, the permit contains new or different permit conditions. In addition, some conditions from previously issued permits/approvals have been corrected, changed, or removed. These corrections, changes, and removals may include Title I changes (e.g., changes that add or modify synthetic minor emission limits). IDEM has reviewed this application and has developed preliminary findings, consisting of a draft permit and several supporting documents, which would allow the applicant to make this change.

A copy of the permit application and IDEM's preliminary findings have been sent to:

Gary Public Library and Cultural Center
220 W 5th Ave
Gary, IN 46402-1270

A copy of the preliminary findings is available on the Internet at: <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/idem-caats/>.

A copy of the application and preliminary findings is also available via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) located at <https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/public-records/virtual-file-cabinet/>. Once you have accessed VFC, you will then have the option to search for source related documents using a variety of criteria. To find documents related to this air permit, click on "Advanced Search", specify "OAQ" in the Program search field, specify the five-digit permit number "50609" or the five-digit source modification number "50605" in the Permit # search field, then click the Search button at the top or bottom of the webpage.

How can you participate in this process?

This notice is posted on IDEM's website (<https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>). The date that this notice is posted on IDEM's website marks the beginning of the public comment period. IDEM will be conducting a virtual public hearing. IDEM has posted a separate announcement of the date, time, and location of the public hearing on IDEM's website (<https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>). The public comment period will end on

Visit on.IN.gov/survey or scan the QR code to provide feedback.

We appreciate your input!



Monday, November 9, 2026. At a hearing, you will have an opportunity to submit written comments and make verbal comments. All comments must be postmarked, faxed, emailed, or delivered in person by Monday, November 9, 2026.

Comments and supporting documentation, or a request for a public hearing, should be sent in writing to IDEM at the address below. If you comment via e-mail, please include your full U.S. mailing address so that you can be added to IDEM's mailing list to receive notice of future action related to this permit. If you do not want to comment at this time, but would like to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM at the address below. Please refer to permit number SSM 089-50605-00121 and SPM 089-50609-00121 in all correspondence.

Comments should be sent to:

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(800) 451-6027, ask for Andrew Belt or (317) 232-3217
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In order to notify you of our final decision regarding this permitting action, your U.S. mailing address must be submitted with all comments.

All comments will be considered by IDEM when we make a decision to issue or deny the permit. Comments that are most likely to affect final permit decisions are those based on the rules and laws governing this permitting process (326 IAC 2), air quality issues, and technical issues. IDEM does not have legal authority to regulate zoning, odor, or noise. For such issues, please contact your local officials.

For additional information about air permits and how the public and interested parties can participate, refer to the IDEM Air Permits page on the Internet at: <https://www.in.gov/idem/airpermit/public-participation/>; and the Citizens' Guide to IDEM on the Internet at: <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/>.

What will happen after IDEM makes a decision?

Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision stating whether the permit has been issued or denied. If the permit is issued, it may be different than the draft permit because of comments that were received during the public comment period. If comments are received during the public notice period, the final decision will include a document that summarizes the comments and IDEM's response to those comments. If you have submitted comments or have asked to be added to the mailing list, you will receive a Notice of the Decision. The notice will provide details on how you may appeal IDEM's decision, if you disagree with that decision. The final decision will also be available on the Internet at the addresses indicated above and will also be sent to the local library indicated above.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Belt or my staff at the above address.



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Permits Branch
Office of Air Quality