Air Enforcement: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality and Blytheville Steel Mill Enter into Consent Administrative Order



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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") and Nucor-Yamato Steel Company ("Nucor") entered into a March 24th Consent Administrative Order ("CAO") addressing an alleged violation of an Air Permit. See LIS No. 25-025.

The CAO provides that Nucor owns and operates a steel mill in Blytheville, Arkansas.

The facility operates pursuant to an Air Permit.

Nucor is stated to have submitted a stack test report to DEQ on February 9, 2024, for testing conducted on December 22, 2023. An evaluation of the stack test report is stated to have indicated that the facility exceeded the PM emission rate an SN-60. This is alleged to violate Specific Condition 114 of the Air Permit.

Nucor submitted a stack test report to DEQ for testing on March 1, 2024, that was conducted on February 15, 2024. An evaluation of this stack test report indicated that the facility passed the stack test at SN-60.

Nucor requested via correspondence on May 2, 2024, that ADEQ consider a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") for a donation to be made to the Arkansas Environmental Federation Randall Mathis Scholarship.

Nucor neither admits nor denies the factual and legal allegations contained in the CAO.

The CAO addresses all violations referenced in the Findings of Fact.

A civil penalty of $2,665.00 is assessed.

Further, a total expenditure of Supplemental Environmental Project shall not be less than $1,435.00. The CAO further provides specifications for the submission for approval by DEQ of the SEP and a project schedule.

The CAO further details the requirements for implementation of a SEP.

A copy of the CAO can be downloaded here.