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## **Statement Regarding Air Quality from ACHD Deputy Director of Environmental Health**

**PITTSBURGH** – Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) Deputy Director of Environmental Health Jim Kelly released the following statement regarding air quality in the region:

“The Allegheny County Health Department continues to monitor the air quality in our region following several days of heavy fog, very light winds and continued strong and lengthy temperature inversions. The weather resulted in the DEP twice forecasting a Code Orange Air Quality Action Day for PM2.5 on December 24 and 25 for the Liberty-Clairton area.

“Preliminary data has shown exceedances of the 24-hour federal PM2.5 standard at the Liberty monitor (greater than 35 micrograms per cubic meter) from Saturday, December 21 through Wednesday, December 25. As a result, ACHD’s Air Quality Division has been in daily communication with U.S. Steel and other facilities in the Mon Valley to monitor all activity and ensure compliance with their permits.

“While air quality is expected to continue to improve in the upcoming days, residents are encouraged to submit air quality complaints by calling 412-687-ACHD (412-687-2243) or using the department’s online form: <http://bit.ly/2PQoWLK>.”

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