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## **Fitzgerald Announces Agreement with Shenango Coke Works**

**PITTSBURGH** – Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald announced today that the Allegheny County Health Department has reached an agreement with Shenango Incorporated to correct air pollution violations at the Neville Island Coke Works. The consent agreement and associated complaint were filed earlier today in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County.

"This is an unprecedented agreement which ends Shenango's non-compliance and takes steps to ensure that the company does more to cut pollution," said County Executive Fitzgerald. "Last year, Allegheny County met federal standards for fine particulate pollution at every air monitoring site for the first time in decades. We must continue to work cooperatively to improve our region's environment, and this agreement is one more step that will allow us to reach this milestone again."

Health Department inspectors cited numerous violations of both county and federal emission standards at the 56-oven coke battery beginning in 2012. The agreement sets an accelerated timeline for Shenango to complete repairs and install new equipment to address these violations.

"The consent agreement directly ties plant production levels to environmental performance, providing a significant incentive for Shenango to reduce emissions and maintain compliance," said Jim Thompson, Deputy Director of Environmental Health. "The agreement indicates a significant commitment to environmental performance and sets forth steps to permanently correct long-standing issues at the Neville Island Coke Works plant."

The settlement requires payment of a \$600,000 civil penalty to resolve past violations. Up to \$300,000 of the penalty may be offset by completion of a supplemental environmental project aimed at reducing fine-particulate emissions beyond what is currently required from the battery quench tower.

"We are guardedly optimistic that this will permanently correct long-standing issues at the plant," said Health Department Director Dr. Karen Hacker. "We will remain diligent in our monitoring of the company's compliance and ensure that this commitment to environmental performance is met."

The consent agreement also provides that the plant's air pollution control performance will be assessed daily and production levels will be adjusted depending on the compliance rate.

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