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Health Department Reaches Agreement with ATI Flat Rolled Products Holdings, LLC and Allegheny Ludlum, LLC

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) announced today that on May 22, 2017, it reached an agreement with ATI Flat Rolled Products Holdings, LLC and Allegheny Ludlum, LLC (ATI) regarding violations of emission limits in two permits issued at the ATI steel facility located in Brackenridge, Pennsylvania. The ACHD determined that ATI was unable to meet emission limits for the steel facility's electric arc furnaces and the hot rolling processing equipment. These violations were based on previous testing conducted by ATI which included recent emissions testing performed in December, 2016, and March, 2017. The agreement and the associated complaint were filed today following judicial review in the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

Jim Kelly, Deputy Director of Environmental Health at the ACHD, offered the following comments on the agreement, "When the ACHD initially issued the permits for the electric arc furnaces and the hot rolling processing equipment, the emissions limits and conditions were set based on estimated emissions and were established prior to actual installation and testing of the equipment. Since permit limits are to be established according to test data and operational conditions, it may be necessary to require ATI to revise these permits so that the emission limits accurately reflect the actual operating conditions at ATI. Limits at this plant will continue to be protective of public health."

The agreement reached between ACHD and ATI requires ATI to pay a civil penalty of \$50,000 and perform an environmental project to benefit the local community and the environment. Additionally, there are stipulated penalties for failure to timely perform the consent decree's requirements. The environmental project involves ATI granting to Allegheny County a conservation easement over property owned in Harrison Township, PA, for the restricted purpose of constructing a bike and walking trail along the Allegheny River. The trail will enable the Community Trails Initiative to move towards the goal of connecting the existing bike and walking trails in Millvale and Freeport.

The agreement with the ACHD further requires that ATI address the compliance issues with the electric arc furnaces and the hot rolling processing equipment. Installation and Operating Permits resulting from this action will be opened for public comment and public hearing. Interested persons will have the opportunity to review the proposed permits and to offer written comments. The ACHD will provide notice to the public when the revised permits are available for the public to comment and for the date of the public hearing.

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