

# **Community Liaison Committee Meeting #31**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Review of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting notes
- 2. Membership Items
- 3. Site Specific Standards / Technical Standards
- 4. Public Complaints
- 5. Environmental Compliance Approval updates
- 6. Legacy Environmental Action Plan
- 7. Climate Change
- 8. Public Open House
- 9. Next Meetings

## **Membership Items**

#### **Current Members and Alternates**

Representation

Algoma Steel

Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks

**Public** 

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SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Algoma Public Health

Chippewa County Health Dept.

**Batchewana First Nations** 

City of Sault Ste. Marie

United Steel Workers Local 2251

St. Mary's River RAP Coordinator

**Primary Member Alternate** 

Chris Galizia Fred Post

Lori Greco Ron Dorscht

Peter McLarty

Maggie McAuley

David Trowbridge

Patt Marquis

Kathie Brosemer

Kara Flannigan Chris Spooney

Suzanne Lieurance

Dan Sayers Jr.

Catherine Taddo

Reginald Dunn

Lisa Derickx



## Site Specific Standard for Particulate and BaP

- On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Algoma received a Site Specific Standard for Particulate which sets specific emission limits in cokemaking:
  - Certified observers (per EPA Method 9 and Method 303)
  - 5 days per week, 10 Saturdays and 10 Sundays each year
  - Must observe daily per battery: 4 pushes, 5 charges, all lids, all doors, and all standpipes
  - Must make operational adjustments if over the daily limits and notify MECP



## Site Specific Air Quality Standard - Particulate & B(a)P

Identifies Key Performance Indicators related to Cokemaking Emissions:

- o average intensity of pushing emissions
- o average duration of charging emissions
- o % lid leaks
- o % off-takes leaks
- o % door leaks

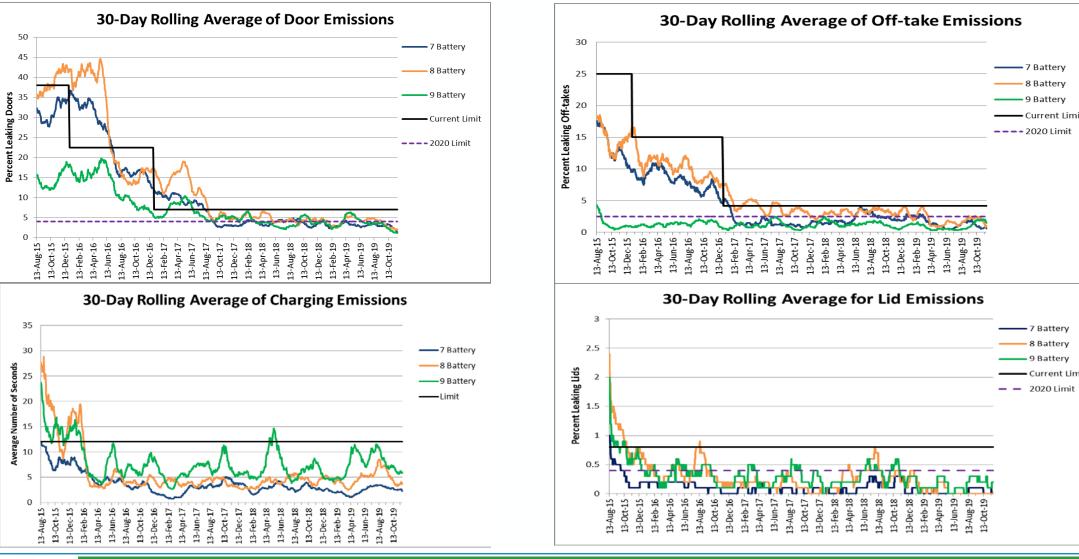
Conformance calculated daily for each battery

### New limits introduced July 2015. Progressive, annual reduction.

Implementation Date	30 day rolling average %			Charging	Pushing
	Doors	Lids	Off-takes	Emission	Opacity (%)
July 2, 2015	38	0.8	25	12 sec	50
Jan 1, 2016	22.5	0.8	15	12 sec	50
Jan 1, 2017	7	0.8	4.2	12 sec	50
Jan 1, 2019	7	0.8	4.2	12 sec	40
Jan 1, 2020	4	0.4	2.5	12 sec	30



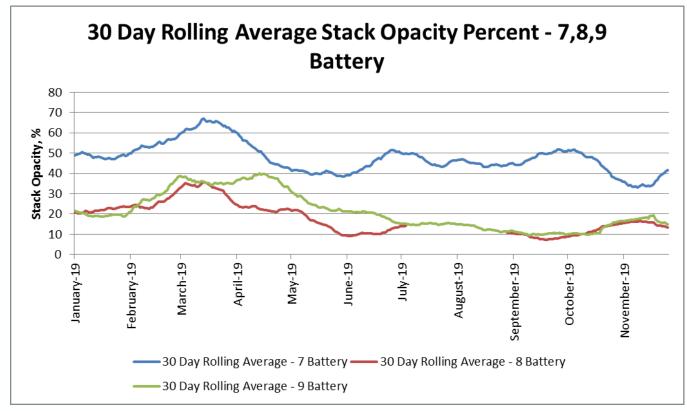
## Improved Air Quality - Cokemaking Emissions Performance





All batteries performing below the 2020 limit ahead of schedule.

## **Progressive Improvement - Cokemaking Opacity Performance**



<sup>\*</sup> Lighting strike took #8 battery opacity meter off line from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>

- Continuous corrective actions being undertaken on all batteries
  - Part of the investment plan to achieve compliance with SSS limits also focuses on reducing stack emissions from cokemaking
  - Intensive Masonry maintenance continues to be required on oven walls and end flues
  - Focus is on reducing intensity of stack emissions

\$20 million investment planned for 2020

Stack Opacity: Trending down, however continued struggle to meet limit.

Pushing Opacity: To date all corrective actions have been successful at reducing pushing opacity below the limit



# **Public Complaints**

There were no public complaints received since the last CLC meeting that related to a matter addressed in the SSS Order.

The following public complaints were received by the company since the last CLC:

- 9 Odour
- 3 Particulate
- 0 Noise

An internal investigation into each public complaint is conducted and a report is submitted to the MECP and a summary is listed on the company website.

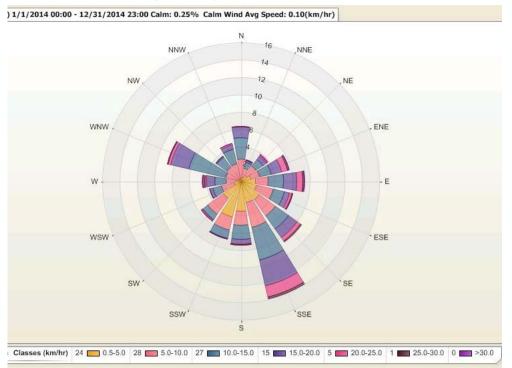


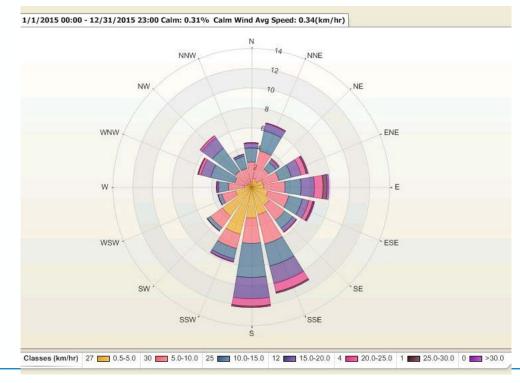
# **Prevailing Winds**

The following link shows a visual representation of local predominant winds

https://weatherspark.com/y/16136/Average-Weather-in-Sault-Ste.-Marie-Canada-Year-Round

Each of the following diagrams show annual site specific wind measurements from the past five years

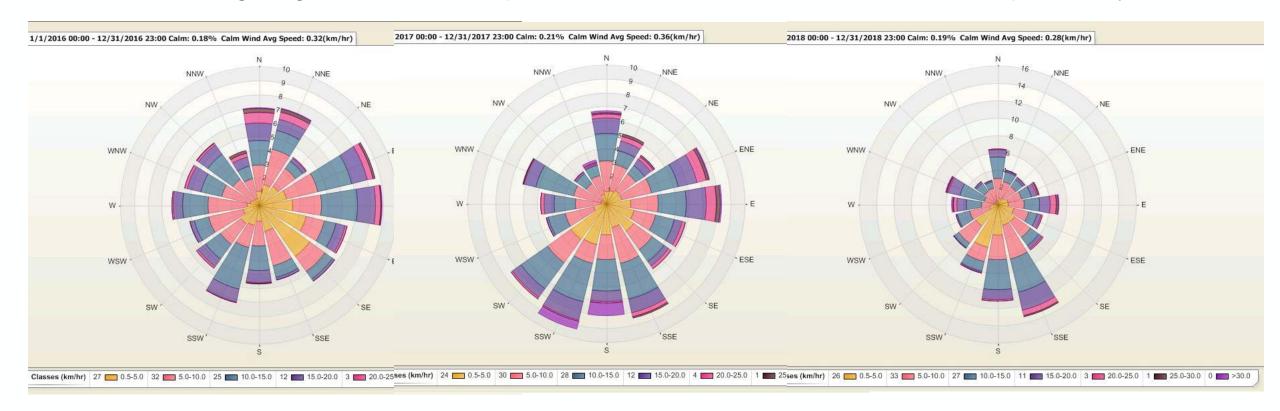






# **Prevailing Winds**

The following diagrams show site specific wind measurements taken over the past five years





## **Technical Standard**

## Regulatory Instrument to replace existing SSS's

- A new Technical / Site Specific Standard for multiple air contaminants is under development
- Contaminants include: Particulate, B(a)P, Benzene, Sulfur Dioxide, Total Reduced Sulfur and Metals (x4)

#### Next steps – Algoma Steel participating in MECP led working groups focusing on:

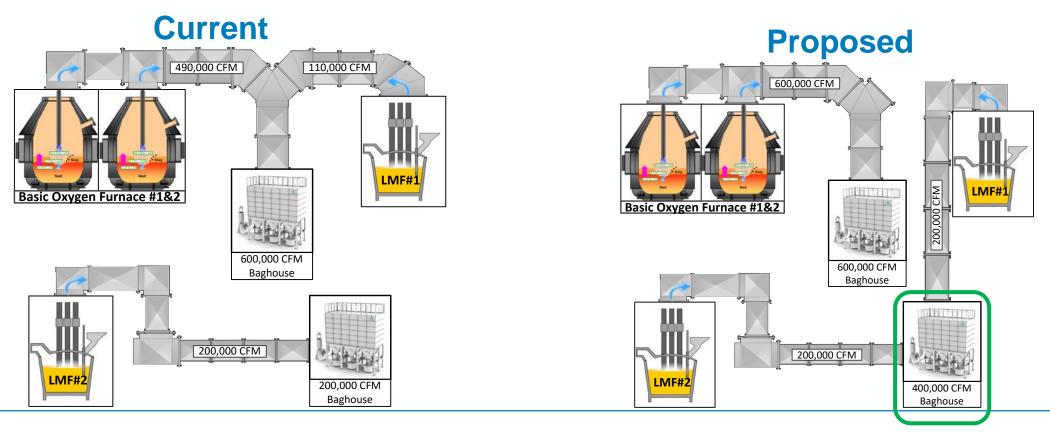
- Fugitive metal/particulate emissions from on-site roadways; steel-making; slag management;
- Identifying managed sources current emission sources and air pollution controls;
- Expanding Leak Detection And Repair (LDAR) programs in by-product plants for benzene;
- Coke oven gas de-sulphurization (Federally required by January 1, 2026);
- Development of an Ontario-based emission auditor training and certification program;
- Completing a jurisdictional review of best available emission control techniques globally;
- Industry economic overview and economic feasibility assessment (industry led);
- Development of trigger mechanisms to facilitate a review of the appropriateness of the Technical Standard every 7-8 years



## **Larger Baghouse Proposed**

## **Application for amendment to existing Compliance Approval**

Algoma Steel is applying for approval to install a larger baghouse on its No. 2 Ladle Metallurgy Furnace to improve capture efficiency at both ladle metallurgy treatment stations and at the basic oxygen furnaces (steelmaking).





## **LEAP - Addressing Legacy Environmental Issues**

#### **Legacy Environmental Action Plan (LEAP)**

- The LEAP is a risk-based environmental management plan with the objectives of identifying, assessing, managing and mitigating off-site adverse environmental effects caused by Legacy Environmental Contamination at the Site.
- Targeted annual investment \$3.8 million; totaling \$79.8 million over 21 years

#### The 2019 total spend was approximately \$3.4 million on the following projects:

- Site wide baseline investigation (2019 investigation complete)
- PCB disposal (complete)
- Dredge Boat Slip (complete)
- Secondary Containment Waste Oil Tanks (complete)
- Secondary Containment Raw Liquor Tanks (under way)
- Legacy Tire Disposal (50% complete)
- Legacy Coke Oven Gas main cleaning (complete)
- Engineering for re-routing blast furnace 30" sewer (underway)
- Engineering Base Line Ditch Water Treatment (underway)



## **Addressing Legacy Environmental Issues**

PCB Removal and Destruction

All known remaining PCB materials were removed and destroyed





Tire Recycling
454 tonnes of
legacy oversize
tires were
recycled

Sediment Dredging from Boat Slip 6200 tonnes of contaminated sediment removed from boat slip





Hydrogeological Investigation

Site wide ground and surface water investigation including 64 new groundwater monitoring wells



## **Addressing Legacy Environmental Issues**

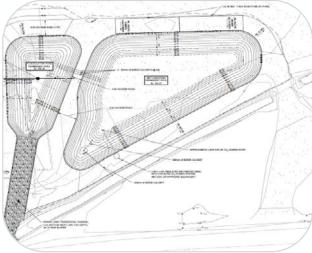
New Secondary Containment on Waste Oil Storage Tanks

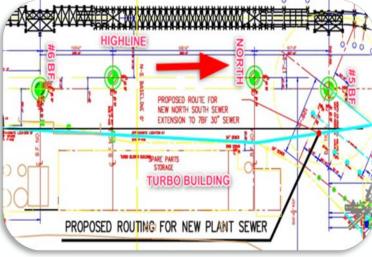




New Secondary Containment on Raw Liquor Storage Tanks

Ground & Surface
Water Treatment
Facility Engineering
Design





Engineering design to re-route an effluent discharge to a treatment facility



## **Climate Change Action**

Algoma Steel continues to find opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In 2019 we earmarked \$47 million for three projects that will deliver a targeted 79,000 tonne reduction.



As a member of the *Canadian Steel Producers Association Climate Change Working Group*, we are exploring technological advancements to deliver a step-change improvement in GHG emissions



## **Public Open Houses**

Next open house scheduled for:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
NORTHERN COMMUNITY CENTRE
KORAH BRANCH LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM – 556 GOULAIS AVENUE



# **Next Meeting**

- Proposed 2019 Schedule:
  - December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (today)
  - March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020