

# **Community Liaison Committee Meeting #32**



## Agenda

- 1. Review of December 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 Public SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians	<b>Primary Member</b> Fred Post Lori Greco David Trowbridge Patt Marquis Kathie Brosemer	<b>Alternate</b> Chris Galizia Ron Dorscht Peter McLarty
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	Kara Flannigan Steve Carey Dan Sayers Jr. Catherine Taddo Reginald Dunn Lisa Derickx	Chris Spooney Maggie McAuley

## 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
- average duration of charging emissions
- o % lid leaks
- **○% off-takes leaks**
- % door leaks

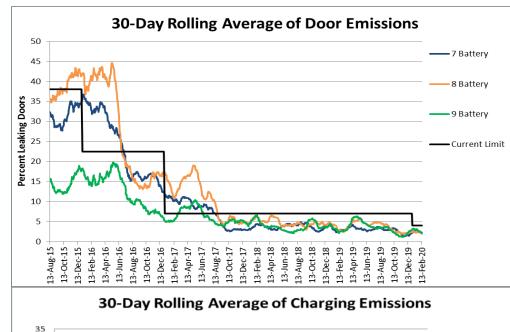
**Conformance calculated daily for each battery** 

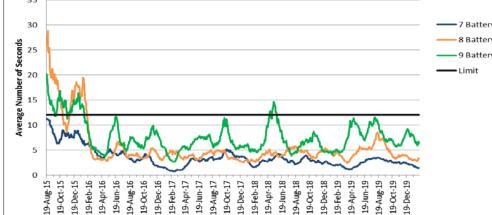
### New limits introduced July 2015. Progressive, annual reduction.

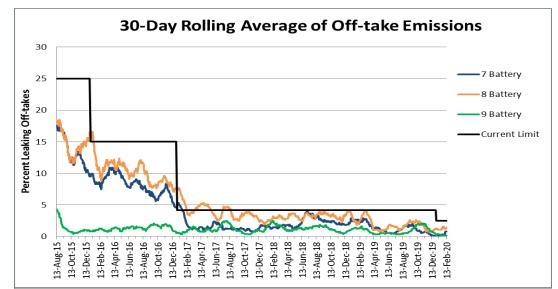
Implementation Date	30 day rolling average %		Charging	Pushing	
	Doors	Lids	Off-takes	Emission	Opacity (%)
July 2, 2015	38	0.8	25	12 sec	50
Jan 1, 2016	22.5	0.8	15	12 sec	50
Jan 1, 2017	7	0.8	4.2	12 sec	50
Jan 1, 2019	7	0.8	4.2	12 sec	40
Jan 1, 2020	4	0.4	2.5	12 sec	30

Algoma Steel is meeting the 2020 limits on all three batteries.

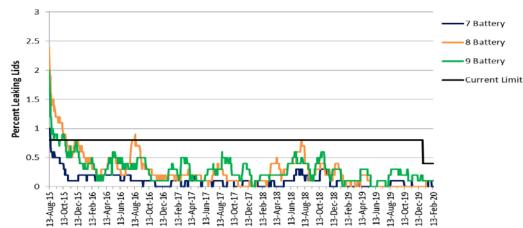
## Improved Air Quality - Cokemaking Emissions Performance







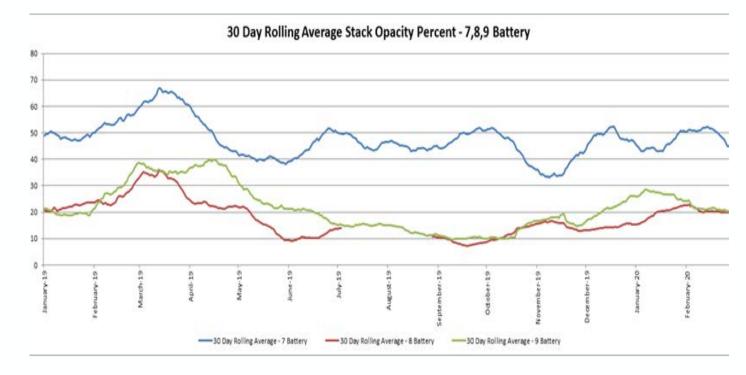
**30-Day Rolling Average for Lid Emissions** 





### All batteries performing below the 2020 limit.

### **Cokemaking Opacity Performance**



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

# • Continuous corrective actions on all batteries

- Part of the investment plan to achieve compliance with SSS limits also focuses on reducing stack emissions from cokemaking
- Extensive masonry maintenance continues on oven walls and end flues
- Focus is on reducing intensity of stack emissions

### \$10 million investment planned for 2020

Stack Opacity: Continued struggle to meet limit. Through wall rebuilds planned on #9 battery in first half of 2020 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:

- 3 Odour
- 0 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.

# **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)

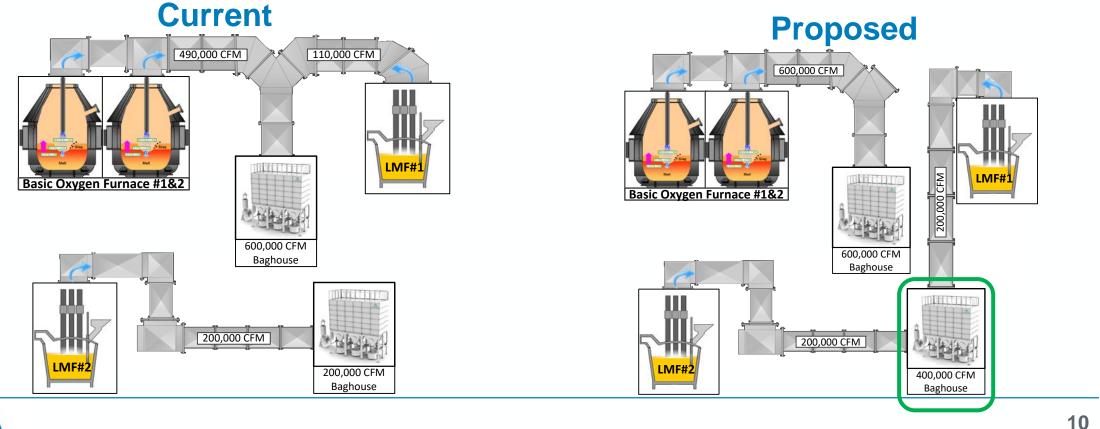
### Algoma Steel participating in MECP led working groups focusing on:

- 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

#### \$4.55 million in projects are planned for 2020 including the following :

- Expanding the site wide baseline hydrogeological investigation
- Secondary Containment Raw Liquor Tanks (30% complete)
- Legacy Tire Disposal (50% complete)
- Engineering for re-routing blast furnace 30" sewer (60% complete)
- Engineering Base Line Ditch Water Treatment (underway)
- Tank Clean-outs (#1, #3, #5, #7) Multi-year project
- Refurbish #7 Tank for future Groundwater Collection System
- Design Domtar Site Groundwater Collection System
- Design Coke Byproducts Groundwater Collection System
- Design Anneal Tank Oil Water Separator and Groundwater Collection System
- Design Dirt / Oil / Water Separator for Vac Truck Dumping

## **Climate Change Action**

Algoma Steel continues to search for 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* we aspire to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. We believe that by working with government and other stakeholders to secure the necessary capital and partnerships, that together we can achieve breakthrough technological advancements and enact transformational change. <u>Click here</u> to see the Canadian Steel Producers Association's Climate Change Call to Action.

## **Public Open Houses**

- Last open house was held on December 10, 2019 at the Northern Community Centre, Korah Branch Library Community Room.
- Next open house will be scheduled for fall 2020.

## **Next Meeting**

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