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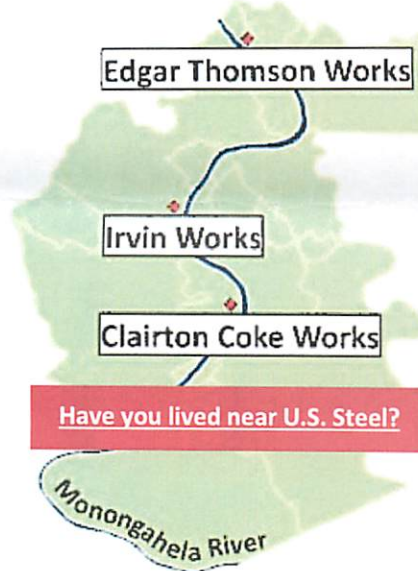
You may be affected by an air pollution lawsuit called *Hernandez v. United States Steel* that is pending in the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas for Allegheny County. The Court has decided the lawsuit should move forward as a class action. You are included if you lived in one of these communities between 12/24/2018 and 4/4/2019:

**Braddock, Clairton, Dravosburg, Duquesne, E. McKeesport, E. Pittsburgh, Elizabeth Borough, Elizabeth Township, Forward, Glassport, Jefferson Hills, Liberty, Lincoln, McKeesport, N. Braddock, N. Versailles, Pleasant Hills, Port Vue, Versailles, Wall, W. Elizabeth, and W. Mifflin.** (Court employees and U.S. Steel officers, executives, and managers are excluded.)

### WHAT IS THE LAWSUIT ABOUT?

A fire broke out at U.S. Steel's Clairton Coke Works on Christmas Eve 2018. It, disabled pollution controls used to remove sulfur from gas produced by the steelmaking process. **The class action claims that U.S. Steel should have prevented the fire and that continuing steel production without these pollution controls for 102 days released increased pollution into the air of sulfur dioxide and hydrogen sulfide that disrupted residents' use and enjoyment of their homes.**

U.S. Steel denies these claims. The lawyers for the class action will have to prove their claims in court. In the meantime, the Court has certified the case as a class action. This means the Plaintiffs may continue to pursue their claims on behalf of the residents of the 22 Mon Valley communities. The lawsuit seeks money damages as compensation for the inconvenience, disturbance, and annoyance this caused.



### WHAT LEGAL CLAIMS ARE COVERED?

The lawsuit covers Plaintiffs' claim for **lost use and enjoyment of property arising from bad odors, and physical discomforts and irritations at residents' properties.** The Plaintiffs will ask a jury to award **money damages** to compensate for the lost use and enjoyment of their property and **punitive damages** to prevent similar harms in the future.

It does *not* cover any other legal claims, for example, claims for "personal injury" or diagnosed medical harms (except for physical reactions during the 102 days to the increased pollution after the fire). It also does not cover claims for decreased property value or the costs of repairing or replacing damaged property. If you believe you have such a claim the class action does not cover, there is a possibility that such claim will be foreclosed by the class action unless you opt out. Please

consult your own lawyer about whether to do so.

### YOU MAY STAY IN THE CLASS ACTION OR OPT OUT.

**Option 1: Staying in.** You are *automatically included* in the class action if you lived in one of the 22 communities between 12/24/2018 and 4/4/2019—and you are not a Court employee or U.S. Steel officer, executive, or manager. Unless you opt out, the class action will decide whether you are eligible to receive (or not receive) money damages.

**Option 2: Opting out.** If you wish to opt out, you give up the right to share in any money damages the class action may recover; but you will have a right to bring your own claims, at your own expense. **The deadline for opting out is March 2, 2024.** (For instructions on how to opt out go to [MonValleyClassAction.com](http://MonValleyClassAction.com) or call 1-833-915-0879.)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION?

For more information about the effects of staying in or opting out, or to obtain a copy of the Opt Out Request Form, go to: [www.MonValleyClassAction.com](http://www.MonValleyClassAction.com) or call the Class Action help line at: 1-833-915-0879.