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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF WC-15J

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General Manager, Environmental Affairs United States Steel Corporation Penn Liberty Plaza I 1350 Penn Avenue, Suite 200 Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4211

Subject: United States Steel Corporation Submittal Pursuant to Consent Decree (2:18-cv-00127)

Approval of Revised Wastewater Treatment O&M Manual and Preventive Maintenance

Program Plan

To Whom it May Concern:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) have received and reviewed the United States Steel Corporation's (U.S. Steel) November 14, 2018, revised Wastewater Treatment O&M Manual and Preventive Maintenance Program Plan (Manual), and supporting standard operating procedures, submitted pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Consent Decree in *United States of America and State of Indiana v. United States Steel Corporation* (2:18-cv-00127). U.S. Steel submitted the original Manual on April 13, 2018, which EPA and IDEM disapproved with comments on May 30, 2018. U.S. Steel submitted a revised Manual on June 26, 2018, and on August 8, 2018, EPA, IDEM, and U.S. Steel held the first in a series of technical conference calls to discuss improvements to the Manual. Pursuant to Paragraph 14 of the Consent Decree, EPA and IDEM approve the revised Manual submitted on November 14, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, contact Dean Maraldo of my staff at 312-353-2098 or via email at maraldo.dean@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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