

Response from U.S. Steel

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited U.S. Steel to respond to allegations that one of its factories in Pennsylvania is grossly violating health standards, resulting in illness that is disproportionately affecting young and elderly people, particularly in black communities.

- [“People are getting sick from a US steel factory that is “grossly violating” health standards, experts say.”](#) BuzzFeed News, 6 April 2019

U.S. Steel sent the following response:

“U.S. Steel is pleased to announce that we are now desulfurizing 100% of the coke oven gas generated at our Clairton Plant. While we employed many effective mitigation measures after a fire on Dec. 24 caused catastrophic damage to the facility, we are now able to operate the state-of-the-art desulfurization plant again. This is an important milestone in our repair efforts and we will continue to monitor and adjust coking times as appropriate.

These repairs were completed well ahead of our estimated timeline thanks to the hard work and dedication of our employees, the leadership of the United Steelworkers, our contractor partners and the members of the Building & Construction Trades.

Throughout this process, the safety of our workforce and the surrounding community has been a top priority. While the fire was an unfortunate setback, we remain committed to improving our shared environment.”