



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Proposed Consent Decree under the Clean Air Act

On September 25, 2026, the Department of Justice lodged a proposed Consent Decree in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in the lawsuit entitled *United States of America et al v. Nucor Steel Louisiana, LLC*, Case No. 2:26-cv-02175-JCZ-EJD.

The United States filed this action jointly with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality against the Defendant for violations of the Clean Air Act and the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act. The complaint alleges that the Defendant violated regulations under those statutes, including the federally approved provisions of the Louisiana State Implementation Plan, and the Defendant's operating permits that incorporate those requirements at its Direct Reduced Iron processing facility in Convent, Louisiana. Under the proposed Consent Decree, the Defendant has agreed to pay a penalty of \$1,600,000 and perform injunctive relief to resolve the governments' claims.

The publication of this notice opens a period for public comment on the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Energy and Natural Resources Division, and should refer to *United States et al v. Nucor Steel Louisiana, LLC*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-5-2-1-12815. All comments must be submitted no later than forty-five (45) days after the publication date of this notice. Comments may be submitted either by e-mail or by mail:

<i>To submit comments:</i>	<i>Send them to:</i>
By e-mail	pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov .
By mail	Assistant Attorney General U.S. DOJ – ENRD P.O. Box 7611 Washington, D.C. 20044-7611.

Any comments submitted in writing may be filed by the United States in whole or in part on the public court docket without notice to the commenter.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined and downloaded at this Justice Department website: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. If you require assistance accessing the consent decree, you may request assistance by email or by mail to the addresses provided above for submitting comments.

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