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Community Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Republic Steel Lead Emissions

Ohio EPA and Canton City Public Health will host a public meeting on July 20, 2021, at 6 p.m., at Garaux Hall of Canton Parks and Rec, 3801 13th St. SW, Canton, to provide the community with an update on Republic Steel and an opportunity to ask questions.

On July 2, 2021, the Stark County Court of Common Pleas entered a preliminary consent order that imposes numerous measures designed to protect the public health and environment from Republic Steel's leaded-steel production. Under the order, Republic Steel must hire a compliance officer to oversee any issues from the leaded-steel production, monitor for lead, evaluate a permanent solution for the lead pollution, pave more areas onsite and regularly sweep and water/vacuum to reduce dust, and conduct additional inspections and repairs/cleaning. Any violation of these requirements, or any other measure in the order, triggers per-day, stipulated penalties that range as high as \$15,000 per day.

The preliminary order requires Republic Steel to reduce its leaded-steel production if future monitoring reaches a warning level, and Republic Steel must cease its leaded-steel production and pay \$25,000 per day in stipulated penalties if lead exceeds a stop level. The stop level is set at the national air quality standard for lead. The air quality standard has been established by U.S. EPA to ensure the protection of public health. In the event the stop level is reached, Republic Steel could not restart leaded-steel production until the source of the high lead emissions is found and controlled.