

7 Things To Know About The Proposed Settlement With U.S. Steel

These are the most important things to know for residents of Clairton, Elizabeth, and McKeesport who may be eligible to participate in the class action settlement with U.S. Steel over nuisances and loss of property value caused by air pollution.



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Notices explaining the settlement are expected to go out to residents included in the class this week or next week.

Look for a white envelope labeled "Court ordered settlement notice." It will be coming from "Settlement notice administrator" with a Chicago address. The notice will come with a form you can submit to opt out, and a form you can submit to request payment.



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If you don't opt out of the class settlement, you'll automatically be included in it.

Eligible residents will have 30 days after the notice is sent out to submit a form opting out of the settlement. If you don't opt out, you will be automatically included in the settlement—but you won't receive a payment unless you send in a claim form.



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If you're included in the class, you will lose the right to sue U.S. Steel for nuisance and loss of property value caused by air pollution that occurred before Dec. 24, 2018

You could potentially still sue them for specific health issues caused by pollution before that date, or for nuisance or loss of property value caused by air pollution that happened after Dec. 24, 2018. You could also still report air pollution to regulatory agencies.



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You won't receive any money from the settlement unless you submit a claim form within 45 days of the notice.

This means that if you ignore the notice from the attorneys, you will lose your right to sue U.S. Steel over these issues during this time period without getting any money from the settlement. There's a statute of limitations on these things, so if you want to file a separate claim, you'll need to do so as soon as possible.



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If 20 or more people opt out of this settlement, U.S. Steel could back out of the agreement.

If that happened, there could be opportunities for residents to try to sue U.S. Steel for a higher amount, or it could result in lower payments, or no payments to residents at all for this particular issue during this time period.



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A fairness hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Feb. 24, 2020, in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, City-County Building, Courtroom 820, 414 Grant St., Downtown.

This hearing will take place after the deadlines for opting out and submitting a claim have passed. Only residents who raise objections to the settlement by following the instructions in the notice they receive in the mail will be permitted to speak at the hearing.



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Free legal advice is available.

Two free legal clinics about the proposed settlement will be hosted by the nonprofit law firm [Fair Shake](#) at **Clairton City Hall** (551 Ravensburg Blvd, Clairton, PA 15025) **on Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 4pm-8pm** and on **Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 10am-2pm.**

Fair Shake can also be reached at ecollins@fairshake-els.org or 412-742-4615.

