

A LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS FROM EVRAZ CLAYMONT STEEL

EVRAZ Claymont Steel wishes to express our commitment, as a responsible employer and manufacturer, to the health and safety of our employees and community neighbors.

The Claymont Steel plant, which has recently come under new ownership and management by Evraz Inc. NA., employs some 500 people; a significant number of them live in the community. We use numerous contractors for the supply of goods and services to the plant. Our capacity for manufacturing is 500,000 tons of custom order discrete steel plate per year, used for a variety of important uses like bridges, wind towers and shipbuilding. As the largest recycler in the State of Delaware, EVRAZ Claymont Steel is committed to resource conservation and re-use.

As many of you may have learned recently, the Claymont Community Coalition announced the results of a "Dust Study" they conducted in the Claymont area. The group claims that EVRAZ Claymont Steel is responsible for the deposition of industrial dust in the community. The group also asserts that their preliminary findings conclude that the dust may be harmful.

We take very seriously any assertion by the community that our activities may be adversely affecting the community, especially when the assertion relates to the health of the community and our employees. The health and safety of our employees and our neighbors is of key importance to us. We strive to maintain a healthy workplace and be a responsible neighbor.

As to the specific statements made by the community group, we are evaluating the information that they have provided. Our evaluation will be based on scientific information in the context of a comprehensive study underway.

It should be noted that we had previously commissioned a separate comprehensive study of our operations relevant to dust generation. This study has been undertaken by a firm selected by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC). The same company, Earth Tech AECOM, was also selected by DNREC to monitor the air quality in the vicinity of our plant compared to state standards for particulate matter. We expect to share the results of those analyses some time in the new year.

In order to ensure that we provide the community with information relevant to these issues, EVRAZ Claymont Steel is planning a public information meeting in the near future, following our evaluation of these issues.

At that meeting, we will present information on our operations and the results of the air quality evaluation conducted by the DNREC-selected consultant, and provide an opportunity to address questions from our neighbors and concerned community members.

As we affirmed to the community, EVRAZ Claymont Steel is committed to ensuring that our facility is in compliance with the regulations, and actively communicating with the Regulators in that context.

We attended the community "Dust Study" information meeting on November 15 as an industrial partner interested in matters important to the community, and also to reinforce our commitment in helping identify solutions to the matter. As a voluntary initiative, EVRAZ Claymont Steel actually provided the funds to the community group for a dust study without any conditions.

While the industrial dust may not be derived from our operations, and at a minimum it is likely that other industrial sources and mobile sources (diesel trucks on the interstates) are significantly contributing to any dust deposition in the community, we are a community partner and are committed to playing a role in resolving this issue.

It is also important to recognize that, during the past few years, the Company has undertaken many projects at significant expense to substantially reduce dust emissions from our operations, and we believe those efforts to have been successful. We continue to pursue additional opportunities in this area. Our efforts clearly are not motivated by the recent statements by the community group, since our efforts have been on-going. Instead, our work toward reducing dust is motivated by our commitment to pursue compliance and to constantly look for opportunities to reduce the environmental impact of our operations.

At the November 15 public information meeting held by the Claymont Community Coalition, we did not comment specifically on their study's results, nor did we engage in debate with the residents and concerned community members. Although we had requested a copy of the study in advance of the group's public presentation of the preliminary results in order that we might be prepared to offer a response, the group did not provide us with that information. We felt that it would not be appropriate or responsible to comment on the results of a study that we had not even reviewed.

We want to assure the community that we will share knowledge with you as these matters progress. We recognize that without dialogue with our neighbors rumors are possible, so we wanted to share information that would help with mutual understanding.

Prior to the release of the preliminary findings of the dust study conducted by Global Community Monitoring (GCM) for the Claymont Community Coalition, we were not aware of tests conducted in the community, which reported hazardous levels of toxins. To our knowledge, the releases that we report through the USEPA Toxics Release Inventory, (which were used by GCM to select analyses parameters), are within the regulated limits. We reiterate that we are committed to ensuring that our facility achieves compliance with applicable standards. We will also pursue further actions beyond compliance to the extent practicable.

Our facility operates 24 hours-per-day, 7 days-per-week to produce one of America's essential and strategic products. Thus neighbors may notice that we are busy at night. We receive deliveries of scrap materials for recycling via railcar at night since the railroad line is only available to us at that time — as it is occupied by Amtrak commuter trains during the day.

EVRAZ Claymont Steel values its relationship with the community, has worked very hard to maintain and enhance that relationship, and will continue to do so.

Sincerely,
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