

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT,
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

AFIN: 47-00202

LIS No. 25-025

NUCOR-YAMATO STEEL COMPANY (LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)
5929 EAST HIGHWAY 18
BLYTHEVILLE, AR 72316

CONSENT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This Consent Administrative Order (CAO) is issued pursuant to the authority delegated under the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, and the federal regulations issued thereunder. In addition, this CAO is issued pursuant to the authority of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (the Act), Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-101 *et seq.*, Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC) Rule 7, now codified at 8 CAR § 10-101 *et seq.*, APC&EC Rule 8 (8 CAR § 11-101 *et seq.*), APC&EC Rule 18 (8 CAR § 40-101 *et seq.*), APC&EC Rule 19 (8 CAR § 41-101 *et seq.*), and APC&EC Rule 26 (8 CAR § 42-101 *et seq.*).

The issues herein having been settled by agreement of Nucor-Yamato Steel Company (Limited Partnership) (Respondent) and the Director of the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), it is hereby agreed and stipulated that the following FINDINGS OF FACT and ORDER AND AGREEMENT be entered.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent owns and operates a steel mill located at 5929 East Highway 18 in Blytheville, Mississippi County, Arkansas.
2. The Air Permit referenced in this CAO is 0883-AOP-R20 (the Permit). The Permit

was issued on November 13, 2023.

3. Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-217(a)(3) provides:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to:

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(3) Violate any provisions of this chapter or of any rule or order adopted by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission under this chapter or of a permit issued under this chapter by DEQ;

4. Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-103(c)(1)(A) provides, “Any person that violates any provision of this chapter and rules, permits, or plans issued pursuant to this chapter may be assessed an administrative civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation.”

5. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-103(c)(1)(B) as referenced by Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-304, “Each day of a continuing violation may be deemed a separate violation for purposes of penalty assessment.”

6. On February 9, 2024, Respondent submitted a stack test report to DEQ for testing conducted on December 22, 2023.

7. Specific Condition 114 of the Permit states that Respondent shall not exceed the permitted emission limit of 5.4 lb/hr for PM at the NCA LMF Baghouse (SN-60).

8. An evaluation of the February 9, 2024 stack test report revealed that Respondent exceeded the PM emission rate at SN-60. The test results for PM at SN-60 was 6.3 lb/hr, which exceeds the permitted limit for PM of 5.4 lb/hr. Such an act violates Specific Condition 114 of the Permit and therefore violates Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-217(a)(3) as referenced by Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-304.

9. In correspondence dated February 15, 2024, DEQ informed Respondent that after an evaluation of the stack test report submitted on February 9, 2024, it was determined that SN-60 was

out of compliance with the permitted limit for PM at the time of testing.

10. On March 1, 2024, Respondent submitted a stack test report to DEQ for testing conducted on February 15, 2024.

11. An evaluation of the February 15, 2024 stack test report revealed that Respondent passed the stack test at SN-60.

12. In correspondence dated March 11, 2024, DEQ informed Respondent that formal enforcement action was proceeding regarding this matter.

13. In correspondence dated May 2, 2024, Respondent requested DEQ to consider a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) proposal for a donation to be made to the Arkansas Environmental Federation (AEF) Randall Mathis Scholarship.

ORDER AND AGREEMENT

WHEREFORE, Respondent, neither admitting nor denying the factual and legal allegations contained in this CAO, and DEQ do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. This CAO addresses all violations referenced in the FINDINGS OF FACT.
2. In compromise and full settlement of the violations specified in the FINDINGS OF FACT, Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty of **TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$2,665.00)**. Payment is due within thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of this CAO. Such payment shall be made payable to:

DEQ, Fiscal Services
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118-5317.

In the event that Respondent fails to pay the civil penalty within the prescribed time, DEQ shall be entitled to attorneys' fees and costs associated with collection.

3. The total expenditure of the SEP shall not be less than ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,435.00), in accordance with the specifications set forth in the SEP. Respondent shall include documentation of the expenditures made in connection with the SEP as part of the SEP Completion Report.

4. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of this CAO, the SEP shall be initiated. Respondent shall provide an updated project schedule for the SEP. If any project schedule date is not met, Respondent shall notify DEQ within fifteen (15) days of the listed completion date.

5. Within 30 days of completion of the SEP, Respondent shall submit a SEP Completion Report to the Enforcement Program Coordinator, Office of Air Quality. The SEP Completion Report shall contain a detailed description of the SEP implemented, itemized costs, description of the environmental and public health benefits resulting from the implementation of the SEP, and certification that the SEP has been fully implemented pursuant to the provisions of this CAO.

6. Respondent agrees that failure to submit the SEP Completion Report shall be deemed a violation of this CAO and Respondent shall become liable for stipulated penalties pursuant to Paragraph 9 of the ORDER AND AGREEMENT.

7. Upon completion of the requirements listed above, Respondent may request acknowledgement of this completion from DEQ.

8. All applicable submissions required by this CAO are subject to approval by DEQ. In the event of any deficiency, Respondent shall, within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification by DEQ, submit any additional information requested. Failure to respond adequately to the notice of deficiency within fifteen (15) calendar days constitutes a failure to meet a deadline and is subject to the civil penalties established in the following Paragraph.

9. Failure to meet the limits, requirements, or deadlines of this CAO or the applicable approved schedules provided for herein constitutes a violation of this CAO. If Respondent fails to meet any limits, requirements, or deadlines, Respondent shall pay, on demand, to DEQ civil penalties according to the following schedule:

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| (a) First day through the fourteenth day: | \$100 per day |
| (b) Fifteenth day through the thirtieth day: | \$500 per day |
| (c) More than thirty days: | \$1000 per day |

Stipulated penalties shall be paid within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of DEQ's demand to Respondent for such penalties. These stipulated penalties may be imposed for delay in scheduled performance and shall be in addition to any other remedies or sanctions that may be available to DEQ by reason of Respondent's failure to comply with the requirements of this CAO. DEQ reserves its rights to collect other penalties and fines pursuant to its enforcement authority in lieu of the stipulated penalties set forth above.

10. If any event, including, but not limited to, an occurrence of nature, causes or may cause a delay in the achievement of compliance by Respondent with the requirements or deadlines of this CAO, Respondent shall notify DEQ in writing as soon as reasonably possible after it is apparent that a delay will result, but in no case after the due dates have passed. The notification shall describe in detail the anticipated length of the delay, the precise cause of the delay, the measures being taken and to be taken to minimize the delay, and the timetable by which those measures will be implemented.

11. DEQ may grant an extension of any provision of this CAO, provided that Respondent requests such an extension in writing and provided that the delay or anticipated delay has or will be caused by circumstances beyond the control of and without the fault of Respondent. The time for

performance may be extended for a reasonable period, but in no event longer than the period of delay resulting from such circumstances. The burden of proving that any delay is caused by circumstances beyond the control of and without the fault of Respondent and the length of the delay attributable to such circumstances shall rest with Respondent. Failure to notify DEQ promptly, as provided in the previous Paragraph of the ORDER AND AGREEMENT, shall be grounds for a denial of an extension.

12. This CAO is subject to public review and comment in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-103(d), and therefore is not effective until thirty (30) calendar days after public notice of the CAO is given. DEQ retains the right and discretion to rescind this CAO based on comments received within the thirty (30) day public comment period.

13. As provided by APC&EC Rule 8, this matter is subject to being reopened upon Commission initiative or in the event a petition to set aside this CAO is granted by the Commission.

14. Nothing contained in this CAO shall relieve Respondent of any obligations imposed by any other applicable local, state, or federal laws. Except as specifically provided herein, nothing contained in this CAO shall be deemed in any way to relieve Respondent of responsibilities contained in the permit.

15. Nothing in this CAO shall be construed as a waiver by DEQ of its enforcement authority over alleged violations not specifically addressed herein. In addition, this CAO neither exonerates Respondent from any past, present, or future conduct that is not expressly addressed herein, nor relieves Respondent of the responsibilities for obtaining any necessary permits.

16. By virtue of the signature appearing below, the individual represents that he or she is a General Partner of Respondent, being duly authorized to execute and bind Respondent to the terms

contained herein. Execution of this CAO by an individual other than a General Partner of Respondent shall be accompanied by a resolution granting signature authority to that individual as duly ratified by all general partners of the entity.

SO ORDERED THIS 29 DAY OF March, 2025.

Bailey Taylor
BAILEY TAYLOR
CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEQ DIRECTOR
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

NUCOR-YAMATO STEEL COMPANY (LIMITED PARTNERSHIP)

BY: [Signature] (Signature)

ZACH MOON (Typed or printed name)

TITLE: VP/GM NUCOR

DATE: 3/14/25