



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Chair and Members Board of Health
DATE:	March 6, 2026
SUBJECT:	Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting related to ArcelorMittal Dofasco (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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This communication update is to inform members of the Board of Health about opportunities to provide feedback and comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario, related to environmental decision-making in Hamilton.

The catalyst for providing this update relates to correspondence to the Board of Health on February 24, 2026 by a community resident highlighting the opportunity for members of the Board of Health to submit comments to the registry regarding a proposal submitted by ArcelorMittal Canada MP Inc. and ArcelorMittal Canada Inc., operating as ArcelorMittal Dofasco G.P. (Environmental Registry of Ontario Number 026-0039). This correspondence can be found attached as Appendix "A" to this Communication Update.

Recognizing that the consultation period to receive comments about the proposal pre-dates the next meeting of the Board of Health on March 23, 2026, this update is being provided to share information about the Environmental Registry of Ontario and its intended purpose, ahead of the comment submission deadline of 11:59 p.m. on March 12, 2026.

The Environmental Registry of Ontario was established under the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993, which recognizes that the people of Ontario have a right to a healthful environment and a responsibility to protect it. The Environmental Registry of Ontario is a type of 'forum' where public participation in decision-making about environmental laws, policies and instruments takes place.

Hamilton Public Health staff within the Health Hazards and Vector-Borne Diseases Program routinely monitor the Environmental Registry of Ontario for postings relevant to the City of Hamilton. Program staff submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario that align with the program mandate under the Ontario Public Health Standards "To reduce exposure to health hazards and promote the development of healthy built

and natural environments that support health and mitigate existing and emerging risks, including the impacts of a changing climate”.

Proposals that are posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario are open to receive public comments for a minimum of 30 days, but typically allow 45 days before closing to comments. Program staff are aware of the current open Environmental Registry of Ontario posting regarding ArcelorMittal Dofasco G.P. (Environmental Registry of Ontario Number 026-0039) and will be submitting comments prior to the March 12, 2026, closure date.

Should members of the Board of Health have any questions related to the above information, or would like to know more about the Environmental Registry of Ontario commenting process, or specifically the ArcelorMittal Dofasco G.P. proposal (Environmental Registry of Ontario Number 026-0039), please contact Matthew Lawson, Manager, Health Hazards & Vector-Borne Diseases Program by email at matthew.lawson@hamilton.ca, or by phone at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5823.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Board of Health Communication Update – (2026-03-06) Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting related to ArcelorMittal Dofasco