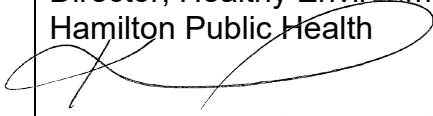




# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Board of Health
<b>DATE:</b>	March 6, 2026
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting related to ArcelorMittal Dofasco (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Kevin McDonald Director, Healthy Environments Division Hamilton Public Health
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

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

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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](mailto: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

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**From:** Jochen Bezner [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Board of Health - ArcelorMittal Dofasco ECA Renewal on Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO)

Dear Members of the Board of Health,  
Dear Clerk, please distribute to the citizen members of the Board,

I am writing to you today as a Citizen Representative, sitting on ArcelorMittal Dofasco's Community Liaison Committee.

As you are most likely well aware, Dofasco has applied to renew one of its environmental approvals, which is currently up for comment on the ERO. The link to the application is below: ERO number: 026-0039

ArcelorMittal Canada MP Inc. and ArcelorMittal Canada Inc., operating as ArcelorMittal Dofasco  
G.P. - Environmental Compliance Approval (air)   
Environmental Registry of Ontario  
ero.ontario.ca

**Why does this matter?** Dofasco, amongst other things, is exceeding the Ontario air limits by a factor of up to 930 times for cancer-causing benzo(a)pyrene and 11 times for benzene.

I would hope that the Board jointly or the Councillors' offices, have considered submitting comments. This is a crucial time for Dofasco and its path towards decarbonization. By submitting comments, you can help ensure that Dofasco expedite the phasing out of coal use within their operations.

If any of you would like to see the supporting documents from the ERO posting, I will gladly make them available to you. I have requested them already 2 weeks ago and are now in possession of them. Requesting them from the ERO typically can take up to 3 to 5 business days.

Regards,  
Jochen Bezner

Citizen Representative, Community Liaison Committee at ArcelorMittal Dofasco

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