

Evraz Claymont Steel Reveals Findings of Air Study Analysis

March 14, 2009 [Claymont, Delaware] -- Evraz Claymont Steel (ECS) today released the findings of experts that examined the data and conclusions of the neighborhood dust study. ECS Vice President & General Manager, Victor Clark hosted the public information meeting to share those analyses with the community, and talk about ongoing work and operational improvements at the plant.

Mark Garrison, an air modeling expert from Environmental Resources Management outlined a careful scientific analysis of the data collected by Global Community Monitoring. Based on the data, he concluded that the measured concentrations of toxins such as lead and manganese, did not support the GCM conclusions pinpointing Evraz Claymont Steel. Garrison noted that there are many contributors to total air emissions, and that other sources contribute significantly to levels of metals and dust in the Claymont area.

Dr. Randy Shuler, a toxicologist and specialist in human health risk, reported that the health effects suggested in the GCM Study are exaggerated and generate unnecessary fear. He said, "Potential health effects depend upon a combination of factors including genetic predisposition and the general health of the individual – the data collected by GCM doesn't support GCM's conclusions about dust from Evraz Claymont Steel."

In addition, Evraz Claymont Steel used the public forum to present a detailed review of the operational improvements to control dust on its property, including better process controls, improved dust capture systems, major road paving projects, and regular street sweeping, both on and offsite.

Clark noted that the company would do a better job of communicating with its neighbors than it has in the past. "I can't speak to what promises may have been made in the past by previous owners and management. What I can speak to is the future and our steadfast commitment to positive, proactive effort on this by our management team at Evraz Claymont Steel."

Evraz Claymont Steel is a carbon plate mini-mill specializing in the manufacture and sale of custom-order discrete steel plate in the United States and Canada. With an annual capacity of over 500,000 tons, the facility employs 375 employees and many local contractors at its 428-acre facility located in Claymont, New Castle County.

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