

Notes of Meeting #56 – Algoma Steel Community Liaison Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026

Location: Algoma Steel Administration Building Conference Room and Teams Meeting

Time: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

CLC Members in Attendance

Corey Jackson – Algoma Steel

Nick Nogalo – Algoma Steel

Dennis Gagne – 2251 Health and Safety Representative

David Trowbridge – Public

Andrew Nicholson – City of Sault Ste. Marie

Jace Dominey – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Lori Jalak – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Rick Lalonde – Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

Melissa Francella - Algoma Public Health

Steve Carey - Chippewa County Health Department

Raquel Gonzalez - St. Mary's River RAP Coordinator

Autumn McLean – Algoma Steel

Laura Devoni – Algoma Steel

John Naccarato – Algoma Steel

CLC Members Not in Attendance

Anton Schoahs – Public

Issac McKechnie – SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Robert Schulte - SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Lauren Febbraro - Algoma Public Health

Suzanne Lieurance – Chippewa County Health Department

Dan Sayers Jr. – Batchewana First Nation

Richard Perrault – Garden River First Nation

Carl Rumiel – City of Sault Ste. Marie

Dean Law – United Steel Workers Local 2251

Lisa Derickx – St. Mary's River RAP Coordinator

Bill Slater – United Steel Workers Local 2724

Meeting notes

1) Review of the Agenda and Meeting #55 Notes

The committee discussed the format of the meeting minutes. A public member brought forward concerns on the anonymity of the minutes. Algoma Steel suggested that future minutes avoid referencing individuals by name and instead refer to comments by affiliation (e.g., a public member, Algoma representative, City representative). The intent is to focus on the issues discussed rather than individual attribution. The committee agreed that this approach would be appropriate moving forward. No other concerns were raised regarding the previous meeting minutes, which have been posted.

2) Membership Items and Terms of Reference

Since the previous meeting, a public member submitted their resignation from the Community Liaison Committee. A call for interest had previously been issued for an alternate public member position and three applications were received.



Members discussed options for filling the vacant positions. Options discussed included: Reissuing the call for interest to reflect both a public member position and an alternate position, selecting candidates from the existing applications, or offering the primary member position to the current alternate.

The committee agreed to issue a new call for interest for both a public member and alternate position, allowing additional community members the opportunity to apply. A virtual voting process will be sent to the committee to select candidates, rather than waiting for the next quarterly meeting.

Algoma Steel brought forward proposed updates to the Terms of Reference. The revisions clarify the process for selecting designate members and confirm that organizations represented on the committee may appoint their own designate when necessary. Public representatives and alternates will continue to be selected through a call-for-interest process. Algoma Steel will circulate the updated Terms of Reference to committee members with meeting minutes for review and ratification.

3) Cokemaking Emission Performance

An update was provided on cokemaking emission performance. It was noted that this meeting represents the final review of cokemaking performance, as Algoma Steel has completed the shutdown of its coke batteries and blast furnace operations as part of its transition to Electric Arc Furnace steelmaking.

The committee reviewed performance indicators including leaking doors, leaking lids, leaking offtakes, charging emissions, and pushing opacity. Throughout the final months of operation, the facility remained in compliance with the applicable 30-day rolling averages for these indicators.

While emission percentages increased slightly toward the end of operations, this was attributed to the gradual removal of ovens from service. The overall number of leaks did not significantly increase but with fewer.

Public member asked for clarification on push opacity data time frame, which was January 1st to January 14th, as shutdown process began January 14th.

Pushing opacity results showed strong performance. More than 80% of audited pushes in early 2026 were below the 30% opacity threshold. Stack opacity also continued to improve during the final months of operation.

Algoma Steel acknowledged the efforts of the operational teams in maintaining environmental performance during the shutdown process.

4) Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program (AAQMP)

The committee reviewed the Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Program results for the fourth quarter of 2025.

Monitoring data from the Bonney Street, Fourth Avenue, and West/Cathcart monitoring stations were discussed. Overall, results remained consistent with previous quarters, with most parameters remaining stable.

An increase in Total Reduced Sulphur (TRS) excursions was observed at the Bonney Street monitoring station during the fourth quarter. It was noted that Enbridge was conducting significant construction work in the area during this period, involving diesel-powered equipment. These external infrastructure activities occurring near the monitoring location may have contributed to the elevated readings.

A Public Member raised questions regarding the PAH monitoring results, including the calculation of the quarterly average and the number of samples collected during the reporting period. Algoma Steel explained that PAH samples are collected on a 12-day schedule, resulting in approximately 28 samples annually. For the



quarter under review, eight samples were collected, with seven exceeding the 0.05 µg/m³ benchmark and a maximum recorded value of 20.5 µg/m³, resulting in a quarterly mean of approximately 5.2 µg/m³.

The Public Member also asked about potential PAH sources in the future Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) operating environment. Algoma advised that PAH emissions historically originated from cokemaking operations and that significant reductions are expected following the permanent shutdown of those processes. Algoma also noted that monitoring results may still reflect other non-industrial background sources, such as residential combustion.

At the Fourth Avenue station, an unusually high number of Total Reduced Sulphur (TRS) excursions were recorded in December. The third party contractor responsible for operating and maintaining the stations reviewed the data and noted the readings appeared irregular. No issues were identified with the unit through troubleshooting efforts and the analyzer passed regular calibrations, as well as its quarterly MECP audit before the issue appeared. The instrument has been relocated to another monitoring station and the elevated readings have not reoccurred. The matter continues to be monitored.

The committee also discussed monitoring equipment maintenance at the Bonney Street station. A Public Member noted negative TRS values posted on the website, including a reading of approximately -91. Algoma advised this was caused by a pump failure within the analyzer, and the posted reading of -91 occurred while the unit was taken offline for maintenance. The analyzer has been temporarily replaced while the affected unit undergoes repair. Algoma noted that monitoring equipment is routinely maintained by the third party contractor and irregular readings are investigated when identified.

A Public Member also raised questions to Ministry representatives regarding particulate monitoring parameters, particularly PM10 and PM2.5, and the absence of regulatory standards for PM2.5 within Ontario Regulation 419. MECP representatives noted that while guideline values exist through national frameworks such as those developed by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, PM2.5 is not currently regulated under the provincial standard. It was noted that any potential development of new standards would occur at the provincial policy level.

A Public Member also asked the committee and MECP representatives for comment regarding calls by the Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) for the provincial government to strengthen its cumulative air pollution policy. No additional comments were provided by other members.

5) Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) Update

An update was provided on Algoma Steel's transition to Electric Arc Furnace steelmaking.

Cokemaking operations began their shutdown on January 14, 2026, with the blast furnace ceasing operations shortly thereafter. Since January 19, 2026, Algoma Steel has been producing steel exclusively using Electric Arc Furnace technology.

This transition represents a fundamental shift from integrated steelmaking to a modern EAF-based process.

6) Environmental Compliance Approvals and Abatement Plan

Algoma discussed the Environmental Compliance Approvals obtained for air emissions, noise, and industrial sewage related to the EAF facility. Several regulatory requirements associated with these approvals are currently being implemented, including source testing, noise abatement planning, and updates to fugitive dust management practices.



Source testing will occur once the facility reaches steady-state operations, which is expected later in 2026 following commissioning activities.

With the shutdown of cokemaking and blast furnace operations, Algoma confirmed that the facility is expected to remain compliant with Schedule 3 air quality standards for key parameters including sulphur dioxide, benzene, and benzo[a]pyrene.

The committee was advised that programs and plans required under the Air ECA have been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), including the Fugitive Dust Management Plan, Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan, Public Engagement Plan, and an updated Abatement Plan. Key commitments within the Public Engagement Plan include continued quarterly Community Liaison Committee meetings, hosting at least two public open houses annually, and ongoing publication of environmental monitoring summaries and performance updates on the company website.

Members discussed the Emission Summary and Dispersion Model (ESDM) report. The report is a summary of a facility's compliance with O. Reg. 419, and demonstrates how emissions travel and disperse from their originating sources. The results are compared against the point of impingement limits of O. Reg. 419 and the report is updated annually. Future versions of the model will increasingly reflect the new EAF-based operating configuration as integrated steelmaking operations are decommissioned.

A Public Member asked whether future modeling scenarios include the potential operation of Blast Furnace #6. Algoma advised that while the asset remains available as an operational option, there are currently no plans to restart it. The scenario remains included in modeling as a contingency option.

7) Community Engagement

Algoma shared recent community engagement initiatives, noting that the company continues to support the community through volunteer activities and partnerships.

Recent activities included:

- Algoma leadership team volunteering at St. Vincent Place, preparing and serving meals to community members in need.
- Participation in the Bring Home a Doctor Tournament, which raises funds for bursaries supporting medical students at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and helps strengthen healthcare capacity in Northern Ontario.
- Participation by Algoma employees in career coaching sessions at local high schools, sharing career pathways in manufacturing and industry.
- Hosting government representatives and industry partners for the first steel rolling for the Polar Max project, supporting Canada's shipbuilding sector and domestic defence infrastructure.

8) Next Meeting

The next Community Liaison Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for:

June 2, 2026

