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Bruce Schacht  
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Re: Cleaner Air Oregon Source Testing Extension Request

Mr. Schacht,

DEQ received written notification from Columbia Steel Casting Co., Inc. (Columbia Steel) dated September 17, 2020 requesting an extension of time for completion of source testing originally scheduled to begin September 21, 2020.

Several extensions have been granted for Columbia Steel to complete source testing related to their Cleaner Air Oregon air toxics risk assessment. It is important to complete this risk assessment to fulfill the intent of the program.

Due to poor air quality attributable to wildfire smoke and uncertainty for air quality improvement prior to the planned testing, Columbia Steel requested an extension. Columbia Steel cited the fact that hazardous air quality observed during recent wildfires was a safety concern for testing personnel and employees. In addition, trace metals present in particulate matter suspended in air may interfere with testing results. Columbia Steel proposed to adjust the source testing schedule to complete testing December 7 through December 18, 2020.

DEQ agrees that wildfire smoke made the testing conditions problematic and approves this extension request. However, the length of requested delay is concerning. Given the repeated extensions, Columbia Steel should plan any needed contingencies (such as hiring a backup contractor) because DEQ is not inclined to grant further extensions.

Please contact me directly at (503.229.5247, [billings.kenzie@deq.state.or.us](mailto:billings.kenzie@deq.state.or.us)) with any questions, and we look forward to your continued assistance with this process.

Sincerely,

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