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Ms. Kenzie Billings, P.E.
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Re: Cleaner Air Oregon Source Testing Extension Request
Columbia Steel Casting Co., Inc., Portland, Oregon

Dear Ms. Billings,

As part of the ongoing efforts related to Cleaner Air Oregon, Columbia Steel Casting Co., Inc. (Columbia Steel) submitted a Source Test Protocol to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on August 18, 2020 for source testing planned to begin on September 21, 2020. DEQ approved the test plan on September 9, 2020 with a requirement to complete the testing by October 16, 2020.

Presently, Portland is experiencing the worst air quality of any city in the world, with smoke from wildfires clouding the air. As discussed on September 16, 2020, Columbia Steel is requesting an extension of the testing schedule due to the recent impaired air quality caused by wildfire smoke and the uncertainty for improvement prior to the planned testing. The hazardous air quality is a safety concern for the testing personnel, as they are planned to be outside for long durations (greater than 12 hours per day) during the testing. It is also a concern for Columbia Steel production personnel, with production curtailed this week because of worker safety due to air. As DEQ noted, the smoke may also cause interference with the testing due to trace metals present in the air, which may invalidate the test results.

The next available date for the testing contractor, Bison Engineering, to conduct the testing is the second two weeks of December. Columbia Steel is planning to complete the testing during December 7, 2020 through December 18, 2020, based on information available at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Schacht at (503) 286-0685, x286 or Sarah Kronholm from SLR International Corporation at (503) 709-7039.

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Sincerely,
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