JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Jefferson County Department of Health gives notice that the Amsted Rail Company has applied for a renewal of the Title V Operating Permit for its steel foundry located at 2100 Griffin Wheel Drive in Bessemer, AL 35020. The facility produces railcar wheels, however, it has not melted metal since 2016. The facility is in compliance with all applicable air emission limits and air regulations. The renewal permit updates the applicable requirements.

Copies of the draft permit may be inspected at the office of Environmental Health Services (Air & Radiation Protection Division), Jefferson County Department of Health, located at 1400 Sixth Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (holidays excluded). Copies of the draft permit, application and statement of basis may be viewed online at www.jcdh.org by selecting the following menu items: Programs & Services/ Environmental Health/ Air & Radiation Protection Division/ Air Program Public Notices. If requested, the Department will provide a free hard copy.

Within thirty (30) days following the publication date of this notice, any interested person may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must indicate the reasons why a hearing is requested. If the Department determines that a petition constitutes cause or that there is significant public interest in the permit, the Health Officer may schedule a hearing.

The Jefferson County Department of Health, Air and Radiation Protection Division, is limited only to the air pollution aspect of the facility. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impact are within the purview of local zoning and planning authorities and should be directed to them.

After consideration of all written comments and a review of the public hearing record, the Department will make a final determination regarding permit issuance.

EPA has agreed to treat this draft Title V permit as a proposed Title V permit and to perform its 45-day review provided by the law and regulations concurrently with the public notice period. Although EPA’s 45-day review period will be performed concurrently with the public comment period, the deadline for submitting a citizen petition to object to the EPA Administrator will be determined as if EPA’s 45-day review period is performed after the public comment period has ended. Also, if comments are received, EPA will review the permit sequentially.
The status regarding EPA’s 45-day review of the permit and the deadline for submitting a citizen petition can be found at the following website address: 
https://www.epa.gov/CAA-permitting/alabama-proposed-title-v-permits

A request for a public hearing or comments concerning the draft Permit should be emailed to airpermitcomments@jcdh.org or addressed as follows:

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Anyone wishing to be notified of the final decision of permit issuance must request such in writing.

This notice is hereby given this 26th day of June, 2024 by authorization of the Jefferson County Department of Health.

Jonathan Stanton, Director
Environmental Health Services