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COLUMBUS, Ohio (Sept. 9, 2026) - Ohio EPA has issued a [permit-to-install](#) to Cleveland-Cliffs Steel Corp., Inc., for its major source steel mill in Middletown, Ohio.

The permit allows the installation of a cogeneration plant to generate steam and electricity for the steel mill by adding new boilers, material-handling operations, and a cooling tower, to modernize the production of molten iron in the refurbished No. 3 blast furnace.

Ohio EPA considered all comments pertaining to the draft air permit received during the public comment period and public hearing held on July 9, 2026, in its review process. The agency responded to these comments in a document included in the final permit, starting on page 3.

Based on its permit review, the agency determined that the operations meet state and federal rules and regulations that protect human health and the environment. Because the permit complies with the applicable air regulations, Ohio EPA must issue it under state rule.

The permit can be accessed through Ohio EPA's [eDoc portal](#) under Permit # P0139876.

This permit is a final action issuance and can be appealed to the [Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission](#) (ERAC). Appeals generally must be filed within 30 days of the issuance of a final action; therefore, anyone considering filing an appeal should contact ERAC at 614-466-8950 for more information.

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