

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. General Information****A. Does this action apply to me?**

This action is directed to the public in general; although this action may be of particular interest to those persons seeking a permit to remediate abandoned hardrock mine sites under the Act. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the appropriate person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?**

EPA is issuing this guidance pursuant to its authority under The Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024, 138 Stat. 1692—Public Law 118–155, Sections 4(b)(1)(E)(i) and 4(m)(1)(A)(vi)(III).

**C. What action is the Agency taking?**

EPA is announcing the availability of the final guidance. On August 13, 2025, EPA published a **Federal Register** Notice for 30-day comment on draft Financial Assurance Guidance for the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024 (90 FR 38975). The comment period closed on September 12, 2025. Responses to comments can be found under docket ID EPA–HQ–OLEM–2025–0586–0013. Based on comments received, EPA made appropriate revisions to the Good Samaritan Financial Assurance Guidance. Those changes are noted in the response to comment document. The final Good Samaritan Financial Assurance Guidance can be found under docket ID EPA–HQ–OLEM–2025–0012 and is also posted on EPA's Good Samaritan website at <https://www.epa.gov/cleanups/good-samaritan-remediation-abandoned-hardrock-mines-program>.

**D. Does this guidance document impose binding requirements?**

As guidance, these documents are not binding on the Agency or any outside parties, and the Agency may depart from these documents where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. While EPA has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the discussion in the guidance, the obligations of EPA and the regulated community are determined by statutes, regulations, or other legally binding documents. In the event of a conflict between the discussion in the guidance

documents and any statute, regulation, or other legally binding document, the guidance documents will not be controlling.

**Lee Zeldin,**

*Administrator.*

[FR Doc. 2026–04386 Filed 3–4–26; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6560–50–P**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL–13254–01–R5]

**Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Order on Petition for Objection to State Operating Permits for Cleveland-Cliffs Steel LLC, Indiana Harbor**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of final order on petition.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an order dated February 3, 2026, denying a petition dated June 2, 2025, from the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Conservation Law Center, the Environmental Integrity Project, BP & Whiting Watch, Gary Advocates for Responsible Development, Indiana Conservation Voters, Just Transition Northwest Indiana, Mighty Earth, and Northern Lake County Environmental Partnership. The petition requested that the EPA object to two Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permits issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to Cleveland-Cliffs Steel LLC, Indiana Harbor for its integrated steel mill located in East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paymon Danesh, Air and Radiation Division (AR 18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, telephone: (312) 886–6219, email: [danesh.paymon@epa.gov](mailto:danesh.paymon@epa.gov). The final order and petition are available electronically at: <https://www.epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/title-v-petition-database>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EPA received a petition from the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Conservation Law Center, the Environmental Integrity Project, BP & Whiting Watch, Gary Advocates for Responsible Development, Indiana Conservation Voters, Just Transition Northwest Indiana, Mighty Earth, and Northern Lake County Environmental Partnership dated June 2, 2025,

requesting that the EPA object to the issuance of operating permit nos. 089–46463–00316 and 089–46464–00318, issued by IDEM to Cleveland-Cliffs Steel LLC, Indiana Harbor in East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana. On February 3, 2026, the EPA Administrator issued an order denying the petition. The order itself explains the basis for the EPA's decision.

Sections 307(b) and 505(b)(2) of the CAA provide that a petitioner may request judicial review of those portions of an order that deny issues in a petition. Any petition for review shall be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit no later than May 4, 2026.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: February 25, 2026.

**Anne Vogel,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

[FR Doc. 2026–04335 Filed 3–4–26; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6560–50–P**

**FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION**

[OMB No. 3064–0079 and –0122]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Renewal; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The FDIC, as part of its obligations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the request to renew the existing information collections described below (OMB Control No. 3064–0079, and –0122). The notices of proposed renewal for these information collections were previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 15, 2025, allowing for a 60-day comment period. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 6, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the FDIC by any of the following methods:

- *Agency website:* <https://www.fdic.gov/resources/regulations/federal-register-publications/>.
- *Email:* [comments@fdic.gov](mailto:comments@fdic.gov). Include the name and number of the collection in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Robert Meiers, Regulatory Attorney, MB–3013, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20429.