

## Steel Company to Pay \$120,000 to Resolve Alleged Hazardous Chemical Reporting Violations

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On April 16th, [the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced](#) the settlement of a federal enforcement action alleging hazardous chemical reporting violations against Alro Steel Corp., which has a facility in Melrose Park, Illinois.

Federal law requires that state and local authorities be notified of hazardous chemical storage. In the event of a fire or emergency, responders need to know what they are dealing with so they can take steps to protect people living or working in the area.

The defendant paid \$120,000 to resolve the EPA notice that it failed to submit to state and local authorities required chemical inventory forms for a variety of hazardous chemicals. The hazardous chemicals used in the processing of steel include hydrogen, cutting fluid, acrylic enamels, chemtane, methane, propylene, propane, nitrogen, carbon dioxide gas, oxygen, argon and acetylene. The defendant also has sulfuric acid and lead in its lead-acid batteries that must be reported.

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