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SH Bell's response to our NOV below. Provided via WTTW article.

http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2017/08/07/epa-cites-sh-bell-excessive-manganese-emissions-chicago

S.H. Bell issued the following statement in response to the EPA findings, along with an announcement by the Chicago Department of Public Health that the city is expanding its investigations of manganese sources near S.H. Bell:

"S.H. Bell welcomes the broader study of manganese exposure announced today by the Chicago Public Health Department. We agree that we need a more comprehensive look at all companies in the area handling manganese, 27 that we know of, to fully evaluate the air quality in our community.

"Regarding our June data, hotter weather generates dust from all types of sources and we expected that we might see the highest monitor readings during the summer, including readings of metals that are not in any of S.H. Bell's materials," the statement continued. "While we are still seeing the impact of offsite sources on monitor readings, we are examining our operations to identify other potential causes. To get a full picture, we need to analyze the data that will be available once our state-of-the-art large dust collectors (which operate like large dust vacuums) become operational this month. It is still our expectation that on a long-term basis, manganese levels will average below the minimal risk levels established during the Obama administration."

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