



INFORMATION UPDATE #14

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Join Us on May 1st on Parliament Hill!

USW Local 1005 Calls on You to Take Up the Work to Change the Situation!

The People vs U.S. Steel

On November 2, 2010, in a meeting with a mediator, the union and U.S. Steel, U.S. Steel Canada dictated its terms to renew the collective agreement. The Union must agree to end indexing for the 9,000 pensioners and to close the pension plan to new hires, U.S. Steel said. There were to be no negotiations unless these conditions were met.

Concessions Are Not Solutions

When the Union refused to hold a vote on these unacceptable demands, the Company proceeded to lock the workers out. Six months later, U.S. Steel announced that its CEO John Surma, received a compensation package worth \$8.6 million. This shows that there are two worlds in contention here -- the world of the monopolies such as U.S. Steel and governments and laws in their service and the world of the people including workers, their families, communities and those who stand up for their rights. It also shows that concessions are not solutions. The demand of the company for concessions is totally self-serving and the methods it is using to attain its demands -- a phoney lock-out to shut down production under the hoax of a labour dispute and the use of its dominant position to force the result it wants -- are totally unacceptable.

Manufacturing Yes, Nation-Wrecking No

Across Canada in all sectors of the economy, workers and their families are facing similar situations. We create the wealth society depends on for its living. Instead of receiving the wages, working conditions and security in retirement we deserve in return, the wealth we create is siphoned off to pay the rich.

The Need to Change the Situation

USW Local 1005 says that the situation will not change on its own; something must be done to change it. We call on everyone to join us on May 1st on Parliament Hill to demand that whatever government is elected must uphold public right, not monopoly "right" and provide the rights of

The People vs. U.S. Steel

Solidarity March and Rally
May 1, 2011
Parliament Hill, Ottawa



Hamilton Steelworkers and their supporters bring the fight for Canada's working families to Parliament Hill.

We demand government that serves workers and their communities, not foreign corporations.

Steelworkers Local 1005 members have been locked out of their jobs by U.S. Steel for six months.

Fight back!

- Say **NO** to U.S. Steel's attack on working and living standards
- Say **NO** to the attack on 9,000 pensioners
- Say **YES** to government that defends Canadian workers and pensioners

Join our March and Rally • May 1 • Parliament Hill • 1 p.m.

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the workers and people with proper guarantees. Experience shows that unless the workers directly fight for a program which favours them, things become worse. Any idea that those who are not our peers and do not have our working conditions and pensions -- or lack of pensions, will "give" us things is a delusion we should put to rest. Such ideas delay the day when our rights will be provided with a guarantee because we will do it for ourselves.

USW Local 1005 calls on you to take up the work to change the situation. First step -- join us on May 1st on Parliament Hill to say Enough Is Enough! Concessions Are Not Solutions! Manufacturing Yes, Nation-Wrecking No!

**Get on the Buses for May 1st! For information visit: www.uswa1005.ca
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