



## Sims Metal Receives Air Permit from City of Chicago to Install Industry's Best Emission Capture and Control System

**CHICAGO (April 3, 2024)** – [Sims Metal](#), a global leader in metal recycling and a division of Sims Limited, today issued the following statement regarding its new air permit from the City of Chicago to install a regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) system that will capture and control particulate emissions and volatile organic material emissions from its metal shredding operations.

“Air quality is important for all Chicagoans, and it’s a high priority for me and my team here at Sims Metal. The issuance of the air permit from the City of Chicago is one step along the way for the installation of the emission capture and control equipment which allows Sims to continue to be part of the environmental solution with this investment in Pilsen. Committing to this RTO technology will further reduce potential emissions from our site and ensure we remain a sustainable, reliable partner with our neighbors for years to come,” said **George Malamis, director of operations for Sims Metal**. “When combined with the construction permit we already received from the State of Illinois, the city’s air permit keeps us on track to complete the site preparation, equipment fabrication, and installation of our \$25 million state-of-the-art system and infrastructure. We believe the new RTO will be ready for compliance testing this Fall of 2024. Importantly, these advanced controls will exceed the stringent emissions criteria mandated by the US EPA and the Illinois EPA. This investment in Pilsen is a win for all local stakeholders and the City of Chicago.”

Sims Metal remains responsibly operational while completing the RTO installation. Toward that end, an independent, third-party environmental consulting firm continues to monitor the air around the site; more than one full year of data has been collected at multiple spots around our fence line. Based on these results, the EPA has posted ([epa.gov/il/sims-metal-management](https://epa.gov/il/sims-metal-management)) that particulates and volatile organic compounds exist at levels below those that would cause short-term health impacts while long-term assessment continues. Metals, including lead, manganese, chromium, and nickel, also exist at levels below those that would cause short-term health impacts, with the long-term assessment also continuing.

### **About Sims Metal**

Founded in Sydney, Australia, in 1917, Sims Metal, has grown from being an Australian-centric company to one of the most significant metal recycling companies in the world. A division of Sims Limited, Sims Metal has bases of operation in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States where we buy and process discarded ferrous and non-ferrous metal and sell the recycled material to manufacturers in 30 countries. Each year, we recycle approximately 10 million tons of metal across our global operations. In line with our shared purpose, create a world without waste to preserve our planet, Sims Metal is preparing for, and adapting to, the significant industrial and environmental changes in society and the industry. Visit [www.simsmm.com](http://www.simsmm.com) to learn more.

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