

**U.S. District Court  
Northern District of Alabama (Southern)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:05-cv-01359-VEH**

Smith v. United States Steel Corporation et al  
Assigned to: Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins  
Cause: 42:2000 Job Discrimination (Sex)

Date Filed: 06/23/2005  
Date Terminated: 03/02/2009  
Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
Nature of Suit: 442 Civil Rights: Jobs  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/23/2005	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Steel Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, Fairfield Works (Filing fee \$ 250.00 receipt # 200 216565) , filed by Linda Smith. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(JLC, ) (Entered: 06/24/2005)
06/23/2005	<u>2</u>	Request for service by certified mail filed by Linda Smith. (JLC, ) (Entered: 06/24/2005)
06/23/2005	<u>3</u>	Summons Issued as to United States Steel Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, Fairfield Works, by certified mail. (JLC, ) (Entered: 06/24/2005)
06/28/2005	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed United States Steel Corporation served on 6/17/2005, answer due 7/7/2005; United States Steel Corporation, Fairfield Works served on 6/17/2005, answer due 7/7/2005. (JLC, ) (Entered: 06/28/2005)
07/11/2005	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time <i>To Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint</i> by United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 07/11/2005)
07/12/2005		ORDER granting <u>5</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 7/12/05. (ACW) (Entered: 07/12/2005)
08/16/2005	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by United States Steel Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, Fairfield Works.(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 08/16/2005)
08/16/2005	<u>7</u>	MOTION to Dismiss <i>United States Steel Corporation, Fairfield Works</i> by United States Steel Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, Fairfield Works. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 08/16/2005)
08/16/2005		ORDER granting <u>7</u> Motion to Dismiss. In addition, all pleadings filed in this matter from this date forward must be filed in 14 point type. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 8/16/05. (ACW) (Entered: 08/16/2005)
08/17/2005	<u>8</u>	UNIFORM INITIAL ORDER – with appendices attached. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 8/17/05. (YMB, ) (Entered: 08/17/2005)

09/07/2005	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Robert F Childs, Jr on behalf of Linda Smith (Childs, Robert) (Entered: 09/07/2005)
09/13/2005	<u>10</u>	REPORT of Rule 26(f) Planning Meeting. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 09/13/2005)
09/16/2005	<u>11</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER: Discovery due by 6/30/2006. A deadline for dispositive motions shall be set after the class certification issue is resolved. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 9/16/05. (YMB, ) (Entered: 09/16/2005)
10/06/2005	<u>12</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 10/06/2005)
10/12/2005	<u>13</u>	Joint MOTION for Hipaa Order by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 10/12/2005)
10/13/2005	<u>14</u>	QUALIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER . Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 10/13/2005. (JLC, ) (Entered: 10/13/2005)
10/21/2005	<u>15</u>	AMENDED DOCUMENT by Linda Smith. Amendment to <u>8</u> Uniform Initial Order ( <i>Plaintiff's Supplement to Complaint</i> ). (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Supplement EEOC Charge# <u>2</u> Supplement Right to Sue)(Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 10/21/2005)
12/19/2005	<u>16</u>	Joint MOTION for Protective Order by United States Steel Corporation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 12/19/2005)
12/22/2005	<u>17</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>16</u> Joint MOTION for Protective Order filed by United States Steel Corporation. PROTECTIVE ORDER. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 12/22/2005. (JLC, ) (Entered: 12/22/2005)
02/02/2006	<u>18</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time of <i>Pending Deadlines</i> by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 02/02/2006)
02/02/2006		ORDER granting <u>18</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 2/2/06. (ACW) (Entered: 02/02/2006)
04/26/2006	<u>19</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time ( <i>Joint Motion for a Thirty-Day Extension of Pending Deadlines</i> ) by Linda Smith. (Weiner, Maury) (Entered: 04/26/2006)
04/27/2006		ORDER granting <u>19</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 4/27/06. (ACW) (Entered: 04/27/2006)
06/12/2006	<u>20</u>	Third MOTION for Extension of Time ( <i>Joint Motion for Extension of Pending Deadlines</i> ) by Linda Smith. (Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 06/12/2006)
06/13/2006		ORDER granting <u>20</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 6/13/06. (ACW) (Entered: 06/13/2006)
07/03/2006		Set/Reset Deadlines: Discovery due by 10/28/2006. A deadline for dispositive motions will be set after the class certification issue is resolved. (YMB) (Entered: 07/03/2006)
07/20/2006	<u>21</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time by Linda Smith. (Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/20/2006		ORDER granting <u>21</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 7/20/06. (ACW) (Entered: 07/20/2006)
07/24/2006	<u>22</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney by Linda Smith. (Simon, Kell) (Entered: 07/24/2006)
07/30/2006		ORDER granting <u>22</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. Attorney Kell A Simon terminated. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 7/30/2006. (Hopkins, Virginia) (Entered: 07/30/2006)
09/05/2006	<u>23</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time of <i>Pending Deadlines</i> by Linda Smith. (Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 09/05/2006)
09/07/2006	<u>24</u>	ORDER granting <u>23</u> Motion for Extension of Time. No further extensions will be granted. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 9/7/06. (YMB) (Entered: 09/07/2006)

09/07/2006	<u>25</u>	REVISED SCHEDULING ORDER: Discovery due by 1/12/2007. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 9/7/06. (YMB) (Entered: 09/07/2006)
11/16/2006	<u>26</u>	MOTION to Amend/Correct ( <i>Opposed</i> ) by Linda Smith. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> – Amended Complaint)(Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 11/16/2006)
11/17/2006	<u>27</u>	ORDER SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE; All non–summary judgment motions in this Court should conform to "Exhibit B", attached hereto and made a part of this Order as if fully set out herein. Any non–summary judgment motions filed after the entry of this Order shall comply with the provisions of Exhibit B without further Order from the Court. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 11/17/2006. (JLC, ) (Entered: 11/17/2006)
11/28/2006	<u>28</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>26</u> MOTION to Amend/Correct ( <i>Opposed</i> ) filed by United States Steel Corporation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A# <u>2</u> Exhibit B# <u>3</u> Exhibit C# <u>4</u> Exhibit D# <u>5</u> Exhibit E# <u>6</u> Exhibit F# <u>7</u> Exhibit G# <u>8</u> Exhibit H# <u>9</u> Exhibit I# <u>10</u> Exhibit J# <u>11</u> Exhibit K# <u>12</u> Exhibit L)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 11/28/2006)
12/01/2006	<u>29</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>28</u> Response in Opposition to Motion, ( <i>Unopposed</i> ) by Linda Smith. (Weiner, Maury) (Entered: 12/01/2006)
12/01/2006		ORDER granting <u>29</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 12/1/06. (YMB) (Entered: 12/01/2006)
12/05/2006	<u>30</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>Unopposed Motion for Sixty (60) Day Settlement Stay</i> by Linda Smith. (Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 12/05/2006)
12/06/2006	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Ashley Hattaway on behalf of United States Steel Corporation (Hattaway, Ashley) (Entered: 12/06/2006)
12/06/2006		ORDER granting <u>30</u> Motion to Stay. The parties shall file a joint status report no later than February 5, 2007. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 12/6/06. (ACW) (Entered: 12/06/2006)
12/06/2006	<u>32</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Robert L Wiggins, Jr on behalf of Linda Smith (Wiggins, Robert) (Entered: 12/06/2006)
02/01/2007	<u>33</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>and Request for Sixty Day Extension of Stay</i> by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 02/01/2007)
02/01/2007		ORDER granting <u>26</u> Motion to Extend Stay. The parties shall file a joint status report no later than April 5, 2007. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 2/1/2007. (Hopkins, Virginia) (Entered: 02/01/2007)
03/30/2007	<u>34</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>and Unopposed Request for Sixty Day Extension of Stay</i> by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 03/30/2007)
04/02/2007		ORDER GRANTING <u>34</u> Joint Status Report to the Court, and Unopposed Request for Sixty Day Extension of Stay. Joint Status Report due May 31, 2007. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 4/2/07. (ACW) (Entered: 04/02/2007)
05/30/2007	<u>35</u>	STATUS REPORT ( <i>Joint</i> ) <i>and Unopposed Request for Sixty Day Extension of Stay</i> by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 05/30/2007)
05/30/2007		ORDER GRANTING Unopposed Request for Sixty Day Extension of Stay <u>35</u> – parties are to file report by August 1, 2007. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 5/30/07. (ACW) (Entered: 05/30/2007)
08/01/2007	<u>36</u>	STATUS REPORT by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 08/01/2007)
08/02/2007		ORDER GRANTING Unopposed Request for Ninety Day Extension of [doc.36] Status Report – parties are to file report by November 1, 2007. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 8/2/07. (ACW) (Entered: 08/02/2007)

11/01/2007	<u>37</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>and Unopposed Request for Ninety Day Extension of Stay</i> by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 11/01/2007)
11/02/2007		ORDER GRANTING <u>37</u> Unopposed Request for Ninety Day Extension of Stay. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 11/2/07. (ACW) (Entered: 11/02/2007)
01/22/2008	<u>38</u>	ORDER that the parties are to file, no later than Friday, February 15, 2008, a joint report regarding the status of settlement discussions. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 1/22/2008. (JLC, ) (Entered: 01/22/2008)
01/28/2008	<u>39</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>and Unopposed Request for Forty-Five Day Extension of Settlement Stay</i> by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 01/28/2008)
01/30/2008	<u>40</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>39</u> Unopposed Request for 45 Day Extension of Settlement Stay as set out herein. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 1/30/2008. (JLC, ) (Entered: 01/30/2008)
03/17/2008	<u>41</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>And Unopposed Request for Forty-Five Day Extension of Settlement Stay</i> by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 03/17/2008)
03/18/2008		ORDER GRANTING <u>41</u> Unopposed Request for Forty-Five Day Extension of Settlement Stay filed by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 3/18/08. (ACW) (Entered: 03/18/2008)
04/29/2008	<u>42</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>and Unopposed Request for 45-day Extension of Settlement Stay</i> by Linda Smith. (Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 04/29/2008)
04/30/2008	<u>43</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>42</u> Request for 45 day Extension of Settlement Stay. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 4/30/2008. (JLC, ) (Entered: 04/30/2008)
06/13/2008	<u>44</u>	STATUS REPORT by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 06/13/2008)
06/16/2008	<u>45</u>	ORDER LIFTING STAY; SETTING DEADLINES re: <u>44</u> Joint Status Report, to the extent the report asks the court to lift the stay previously imposed in this case, the request is GRANTED and the stay in this case is LIFTED. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 6/16/2008. (KSS, ) (Entered: 06/16/2008)
06/17/2008	<u>46</u>	MOTION to Amend/Correct <i>Complaint</i> by Linda Smith. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex. A. Amended Class Action Complaint)(Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 06/17/2008)
06/18/2008	<u>47</u>	ORDER GRANTING <u>46</u> MOTION to Amend Complaint; Termining <u>26</u> Motion and <u>28</u> Opposition as Moot. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 6/18/2008. (JLC, ) (Entered: 06/18/2008)
06/19/2008	<u>48</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against United States Steel Corporation, filed by Linda Smith.(Goldfarb, Jon) (Entered: 06/19/2008)
07/02/2008	<u>49</u>	Joint MOTION for Settlement – <i>Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement</i> by United States Steel Corporation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A –)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 07/02/2008)
07/02/2008	<u>50</u>	Brief re <u>49</u> Joint MOTION for Settlement – <i>Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement [Submission in Support of Joint Motion]</i> filed by United States Steel Corporation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 07/02/2008)
09/04/2008		NOTICE of Hearing: Telephone Conference set for Friday, 9/19/2008 at 10:00 AM, before Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins. The call will be initiated by court staff.(YMB) (Entered: 09/04/2008)
09/19/2008		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins: Telephone Conference held on 9/19/2008. (YMB) (Entered: 09/19/2008)
11/18/2008	<u>51</u>	Joint MOTION to Withdraw <i>Documents Numbered 49 &amp; 50</i> by United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 11/18/2008)

11/19/2008		ORDER granting <u>51</u> Motion to Withdraw Documents Numbered 49 And 50. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 11/19/08. (ACW) (Entered: 11/19/2008)
11/21/2008	<u>52</u>	Joint MOTION for Leave to File <i>Tentative Class List Under Seal</i> by United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 11/21/2008)
11/21/2008	<u>53</u>	Joint MOTION for Settlement ( <i>Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement</i> ) by United States Steel Corporation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Class Action Settlement Agreement, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 1 to Settlement Agreement – Claim Form, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 2 to Settlement Agreement – Process Summary, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 3 to Settlement Agreement – Court Ordered Notice, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 4 to Settlement Agreement – Smith Release, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 5 to Settlement Agreement – General Release, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 6 to Settlement Agreement – Preliminary Approval Order, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 7 to Settlement Agreement – Final Order)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 11/21/2008)
11/24/2008		ORDER granting <u>52</u> Motion for Leave to File. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 11/24/08. (ACW) (Entered: 11/24/2008)
12/03/2008	<u>55</u>	PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER GRANTING <u>53</u> Joint MOTION for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 12/4/2008. (JLC, ) (Entered: 12/04/2008)
12/29/2008	<u>56</u>	NOTICE to Opt Out of Class Action by Atrina Pugh. (JLC, ) (Entered: 12/30/2008)
01/08/2009	<u>57</u>	NOTICE to Opt–Out by Susan L. Hurley. (JLC, ) (Entered: 01/08/2009)
02/10/2009	<u>58</u>	NOTICE by Linda Smith re <u>55</u> Order, Terminate Motions <i>Notice of Filing Claims Administrator Report pursuant to Preliminary Approval Order</i> (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Attachment)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 02/10/2009)
02/13/2009	<u>59</u>	Joint MOTION for Settlement [ <i>Final Approval of Class Action Settlement</i> ] by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 02/13/2009)
02/13/2009	<u>60</u>	Brief re <u>59</u> Joint MOTION for Settlement [ <i>Final Approval of Class Action Settlement</i> ] filed by Linda Smith, United States Steel Corporation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – Excerpts from the Deposition of Larry Anthony, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 – Excerpts from the Deposition of Charles Bennick, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3 – APT Report)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 02/13/2009)
02/20/2009		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins: Fairness Hearing held on 2/20/2009. Written order to follow. (Court Reporter Chanetta Sinkfield.) (YMB) (Entered: 02/20/2009)
02/25/2009	<u>61</u>	NOTICE by Linda Smith <i>Notice of Filing Supplemental Claims Administrator Report</i> (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit Supplemental Claims Administrator Report)(Lucas, Michael) (Entered: 02/25/2009)
03/02/2009	<u>62</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND SUPPORTING FINAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 3/2/2009. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(JLC, ) (Entered: 03/02/2009)
03/02/2009	<u>63</u>	FINAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT DISMISSING CASE WITH PREJUDICE in accordance with the <u>62</u> Memorandum Opinion entered herewith. The <u>59</u> Joint MOTION for Settlement, Final Approval of Class Action Settlement is GRANTED. Signed by Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins on 3/2/2009. (JLC, ) (Entered: 03/02/2009)