



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

AUG 24 2007

Mr. Donald P. Scott, Director  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
1021 N. Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Re: Conocophillips Company  
Permit Number: 119090AAA  
Appeal Number: PSD 07-02

Dear Mr. Scott:

Enclosed is a petition dated August 21, 2007 (received by the Environmental Appeals Board (the "Board") on August 22, 2007, filed by Ann Alexander, Council for petitioner American Bottom Conservancy, and Karla Raettig, Council for petitioner Sierra Club, asking the Board to review a PSD determination by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

To assist the Board in deciding whether the matters raised by Petitioners should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses Petitioners' contentions and whether Petitioners have satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. Section 124.19.

Response Seeking Summary Disposition. If you believe that the petition in its entirety may be appropriate for summary disposition, either because the Board does not have jurisdiction to consider the petition, the appeal is untimely, Petitioners lacks standing to file an appeal, or none of the issues raised in the petition were preserved for review, please file a response to that effect by no later than September 11, 2007. Please include relevant portions of the administrative record with your response.

File an original (signed in blue ink) and five copies of these materials with the Board (at the address shown below) by the date specified above, and send a copy to Petitioners, with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service. Petitioners shall have 10 days from the date of service of a response seeking summary disposition to file a reply with the Board.

If the Board determines that summary disposition is appropriate, the Board will issue an order to that effect. If the Board determines that summary disposition is not appropriate, or that the issue of summary disposition should be reserved until after a response to the merits of the petition is filed, the Board will issue an order directing that a response to the merits of the petition be filed within 15 days of the Board's order.

Response not Seeking Summary Disposition. If you do not file a response seeking summary disposition, please file a response to the merits of the petition by not later than September 26, 2007. Please include with your response relevant portions of the administrative record, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record.

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Clerk of the Board  
Environmental Appeals Board 1103B  
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Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

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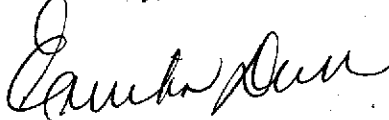
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No further briefing will be allowed except by order of the Board.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the petitioner as notification of these filing requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Clerk of the Board

Enclosure

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