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Sierra Club
Bruce Nilles
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Dear Mr. Nilles:

Thank you for your comments on the proposed issuance of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit to Prairie State Generating Company. The Illinois EPA has made a decision to issue the permit for the facility. The Illinois EPA has prepared a Responsiveness Summary addressing comments and questions raised during the public comment period. Copies of the issued permit and Responsiveness Summary can be found at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, PSD, New).

The permit being issued for the proposed plant grants approval to construct pursuant to the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21. Accordingly, individuals who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may petition the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to review the PSD provisions of the issued permit. In addition, as comments were submitted on the draft permit for the proposed facility that requested a change in the draft permit, the issued permit does not become effective until after the period for filing of an appeal has passed. The procedures governing appeals are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), "Appeal of RCRA, UIC and PSD permits," 40 CFR 124.19. If an appeal request will be submitted to USEPA by a means other than regular mail, refer to the Environmental Appeals Board website at www.epa.gov/eab/eabfaq.htm#3 for instructions. If an appeal request will be filed by regular mail, it should be sent on a timely basis to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B)
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460-0001
Telephone: 202/233-0122

If you have any questions about the permit please call me at 217/782-7027.

Sincerely,

Bradley Frost
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