

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of Construction Permits
to Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago

Abbott Laboratories has applied for permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct two new reactors for producing pharmaceutical products at its facility located at 1401 Sheridan Road in North Chicago. The permit is required because the two reactors will be a source of air emissions. Emission increases from the reactors will be below major modification levels. Accordingly, the project is not subject to the requirements of the state Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification rules, 35 IAC 203, or the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration rules, 40 CFR 52.21. The Illinois EPA is seeking comments on the proposed construction permit.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 29, 2002. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.