

Public Notice
Proposed Significant Modification of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for
BASF Corporation Joliet Site

BASF Corporation Joliet Site has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) revise the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit issued for the air emissions from its polystyrene plant located at 25846 SW Frontage Road in Channahon. This significant modification incorporates a number of changes. The principal reason is that the maximum achievable control technology (MACT) regulation for Group IV Polymers and Resins (40 CFR 63 Subpart JJJ) has been finalized. Several pieces of equipment have been removed. Malfunction and breakdown conditions are being removed from some pieces of equipment as tests have shown that the units are in compliance in the absence of the control equipment. Some contingent ATUs as a result construction have been converted to actual ATUs. There have been some changes in insignificant emission units and several construction permits are being incorporated. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the changes to the CAAPP permit.

The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act. The conditions of CAAPP permits are enforceable by the public, as well as by the USEPA and Illinois. The beginning of this public comment period also serves as the beginning date of the USEPA 45 day review period, provided the USEPA does not seek a separate proposed period. CAAPP permits may contain new and revised conditions established under permit programs for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the federal Clean Air Act, thereby making them combined Title V and Title I permits.

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, Title V, Significant Modification). These documents and the application are available at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location, please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight February 20, 2004. If sufficient interest is expressed in a 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.