

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period for the  
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit and  
Issuance of a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit for  
Packaging Corporation of America in Chicago

Packaging Corporation of America has applied to the Illinois EPA for a construction permit to add new printing and gluing machinery to its corrugated and solid fiber box assembly plant at 5200 West Roosevelt Road in Chicago. The project would not be a major new source or modification for purposes of the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21 or the state rules Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification, 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 203.

Packaging Corporation of America has also applied for a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for the facility. Packaging Corporation of America purchases corrugated and solid fiber sheets of various sizes, then prints, coats, die-cuts, laminates, folds, glues, and ships a variety of set-up-display modules. The facility includes cutting, slotting, printing, coating and gluing equipment. The FESOP is the operating permit for the facility and would contain federally enforceable conditions limiting air emissions from the facility.

Based on its review of the applications, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project will comply with the applicable environmental regulations and has prepared draft construction and FESOP permits for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on the applications for this project. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight November 20, 2010.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information, should be directed to Brad Frost, Bureau of Air, Illinois EPA, P. O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may view the draft permits and project summary at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html>. The repositories for these documents and the applications are located at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 N. 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 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The FESOP permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The FESOP permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.