

Public Notice
Proposed Renewal of the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit
and Notice of Public Hearing for
Griffith Laboratories U.S.A., Inc., Chicago

Griffith Laboratories U.S.A., Inc. has requested that the Illinois EPA renew the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for air emissions from its food ingredients manufacturing facility located at 1437 West 37th Street in Chicago. Under the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act, the facility is required to have a federally enforceable permit for its air emissions. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the permit.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on April 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the McKinley Park Branch of the Chicago Public Library District, 1915 West 35th Street in Chicago. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive verbal comments and data into the written hearing record and to answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the permit. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight, May 3, 2002, unless otherwise specified by the hearing officer at the time of the hearing. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans" 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166. All questions about the hearing procedure, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the Hearing Officer, address above. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the Hearing Officer by March 18, 2002.

Persons wanting more information may review the Illinois EPA's project summary and draft permit at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look for the documents under All Permit Records, FESOP, Renewal). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the McKinley Park Branch of the Chicago Public Library District, 1915 West 35th Street in Chicago and the Illinois EPA's office at 9511 West Harrison, Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead if coming to the Illinois EPA office to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

For information or requests concerning application or draft permit, please contact:
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