

ACID RAIN PROGRAM
NOTICE OF DRAFT PHASE II PERMIT AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is proposing to issue a five year Acid Rain Phase II Permit for Reliant Energy Aurora located at the North-east corner of Eola and Ferry Roads in Aurora consistent with Section 39.5(17)(b), Title IV; Acid Rain Provisions, of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/1 et Seq.] and Titles IV and V of the Clean Air Act.

The acid rain permit contains provisions related to sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions and requires the owners and operators to hold SO₂ allowances to account for SO₂ emissions beginning in the year 2000. An allowance is a limited authorization to emit up to one ton of SO₂ during or after a specified calendar year. Although this plant was not eligible for an allowance allocated by USEPA, the owners or operators may obtain SO₂ allowances to cover emissions from other sources under a marketable allowance program.

This permit would not affect Reliant Energy Aurora's responsibility to meet all applicable local, state, and federal requirements. The designated representative for the plant is Mr. David G. Tees, 713/945-7503.

Persons wanting more information may review the Illinois EPA's draft permit and the SO₂ and NO_x compliance plan at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth Street, Springfield, 217/782-7027. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request to the Illinois EPA.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of this permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight April 13, 2001. If sufficient interest is expressed in this 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.