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Project Summary for an Application from
Superior Graphite Company for a
Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for
6540 South Laramie Avenue
Bedford Park, Illinois

Site Identification No.: 031012ACJ
Application No.: 95090170

Schedule

Public Comment Period Begins: December 22, 2010
Public Comment Period Closes: January 21, 2011

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I. INTRODUCTION

Superior Graphite Company has applied for Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for its Plant located in Bedford Park, Illinois. This plant requires an air pollution control operating permit because it is a source of emissions. The Illinois EPA has prepared a draft of the this permit that it would propose to issue for the plant. However, before issuing this permit, the Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period to receive comments on this proposed action and the terms and conditions of the draft permit that it would propose to issue.

II. SOURCE DESCRIPTION

Superior Graphite Company manufactures graphite products. The emission units at this plant that require operating permit include cold cleaning degreaser, and storage tanks. These units are sources of emissions because of the volatile organic material (VOM) contained in the solvents used in these units.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits (FESOPs) which are federally enforceable, that is, the terms and conditions of the permits can be enforced by USEPA under federal law, as well as by Illinois government and the public under state law. These permits can establish federally enforceable limitations on the operation and emissions of a source that restrict the potential emissions of the source.

The source is to operate this plant under a FESOP because the actual emissions of the plant are below the levels at which the plant would be considered a major source under Title V of the federal Clean Air Act. However, in the absence of federally enforceable limitations, the plant's potential emissions would be such that the plant would be considered a major source. The permit acts to restrict the plant potential emissions so that it need not be considered a major source. As a result, the source does not need not obtain a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for the plant, as would otherwise be required.

The FESOP limits the operation and annual emissions of the plant to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for VOM and PM10.

IV. APPLICABLE EMISSION STANDARDS

All emission units in Illinois must comply with state emission standards adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. These emission standards represent the basic requirements for sources in Illinois. The Board has specific standards for units emitting volatile organic material in the Greater Chicago area; these standards include 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.187 which requires operating requirements for cleaning operations which use organic materials, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.301 which limits the VOM

discharge or organic material in the atmosphere. Also 35 Ill. Adm. Code 212.123 requirements concerning particulate matter from smoke or opacity.

V. CONTENTS OF THE PERMIT

This permit that the Illinois EPA is proposing to issue would identify the specific emission standards that apply to the emission units at the plant. As explained, the cold cleaning degreaser would be subject to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.187 which sets operating conditions under which these units would be allowed to operate. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.301 which limits the VOM discharge or organic material in the atmosphere and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 212.123 concerning particulate matter from smoke or opacity are included in this DRAFT. The conditions of this permit are intended to ensure that the source continues to comply with applicable emission standards.

The permit would also contain limitations and requirements to assure that this plant is operated as a non-major source. The permit would limit the operation and annual emissions of the plant to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for VOM, and particulate matter. (Annual emissions of other pollutants from the plant are below the 100 ton major source threshold.)

The permit conditions would require appropriate compliance procedures, including inspection practices as well as recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The source must carry out these procedures on an on-going basis to demonstrate that the plant is being operated within the limitations set by the permit and the plant's emissions are being properly controlled.

VI. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

It is the Illinois EPA's preliminary determination that the source has met the requirements for renewal of its permit. The Illinois EPA is therefore proposing to renew the permit.

Comments are requested on this proposed action by the Illinois EPA and the proposed conditions on the draft permit. If substantial public interest is shown in this matter, the Illinois EPA will consider holding a public hearing in accordance with 35 IAC Part 166.