

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit to
Owens Corning, Rockford

Owens Corning has applied for a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to modify its foam insulation manufacturing facility located at 2710 Laude Drive in Rockford. The modification would consist of an upgrade to the feedscrews on the two polystyrene foam board extrusion lines, adjusting the fabricating, reclaiming and packaging equipment and increasing storage capacity at the facility. The project will allow an increase in production at the facility with a resulting increase in emissions. Increases in emissions from the project would make this a major modification and subject to the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules (40 CFR 52.21). The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

As part of the PSD review the facility must demonstrate that the project will meet Best Available Control Technology for emissions of hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC). Also pursuant to the PSD regulations the company has submitted an air quality analysis that shows that HCFC emissions from the project will not threaten ambient air quality.

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, PSD, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 4302 North Main in Rockford, 815/987-7750 and 1340 North 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.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight September 22, 2001. If sufficient interest is expressed in the 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.