

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit to
Northwestern Steel and Wire Company, Sterling

Northwestern Steel and Wire Company has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct make improvements to electric arc furnace No. 8 and the associated baghouses, including changes to the furnace enclosure, features for carbon monoxide combustion, gas cooling and expansion of the baghouse at their facility at 121 Wallace Street in Sterling. The project will not be subject to federal "Prevention of Significant Deterioration" (40 CFR 52.21) rules. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the proposed permit.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at www.epa.gov/ARD-R5/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction and Operating Permits, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 1630 Fifth Street in Moline, 309/797-3341 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027. 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 October 3, 2000. 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, or call toll free 1-888/372-1996 (if using the toll free number, please leave a message with you name, phone number, the facility you are calling about and that the message is for Brad Frost).