

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a
Lifetime General Operating Permit
for Grain Elevators

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is accepting comments on its proposal to establish a Lifetime General Operating permits for grain elevators. A grain elevator's operations may include storage, drying, cleaning and load out of the grain to be eligible for the general permit. A grain elevator will not be eligible for the general permit if its operations include receiving or load out of grain by water or if a petroleum bulk plant, animal feed plant or other plant or operation requiring a permit from the Illinois EPA is associated with the elevator

Facilities that have air emissions must obtain permits from the Illinois EPA. The purpose of a general permit is to regulate in a similar manner a large number of small facilities, which have similar operations. The Lifetime General Operating permit would include limits on the amount of grain handled, stored, cleaned, and dried. Once established, a Lifetime General Operating permit could be issued to any facility that meets the criteria established in the Lifetime General Operating permit without further public review of the permit issuance. Each facility would then be required to operate in compliance with the conditions of the Lifetime General Operating permit. These permits will only cover existing grain elevators or new facilities that have separately been issued a construction permit from the Illinois EPA.

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, Lifetime General Permit, New). These documents may also be obtained at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000; 5415 North University, Peoria, 309/693-5461; 2009 Mall Street in Collinsville, 618/346-5120 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 Lifetime General Operating permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight June 28, 2007. If sufficient interest is expressed in a 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.