

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

**Public Notice
of the Proposed Issuance of a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit
to Nanophase Technologies Corporation in Romeoville**

Nanophase Technologies Corporation has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency issue a federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating the air emissions from its pilot plant/dispersion facility and PVS reactor stations located at 1319 Marquette Drive in Romeoville. The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination to issue a permit to the company and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight May 30, 2007. 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.

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, FESOP, New). These documents and the application may also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 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.

The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.