

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing
Concerning the Proposed Renewal of a
Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit to
Griffith Laboratories USA, Inc. in Chicago

Griffith Laboratories USA, Inc. applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency renew the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating the air emissions from its food ingredients manufacturing plant located at 1437 West 37th Street in Chicago. The Illinois EPA has reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review and comment.

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm in the McKinley Park Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 1915 West 35th Street in Chicago. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the application. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by November 3, 2008. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Annet Godiksen - Hearing Officer, Re: Griffith Laboratories, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

Written comments must be sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, December 18, 2008, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

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, Renewal). These documents and the application can also be viewed at the McKinley Park Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 1915 West 35th Street in Chicago or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:
Brad Frost, Community Relations, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, 217/782-2113 or 217/782-9143 TDD.

The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP permit 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.