

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing
Concerning the Proposed Revision of the Construction Permit for
Marquis Energy, LLC in Hennepin

Marquis Energy, LLC has applied to the Illinois EPA to revise its construction permit for the ethanol manufacturing plant that it is building at 11953 ESK Road in Hennepin. Marquis Energy is requesting to revise the construction permit to increase the permitted production capacity of the plant to 125 million gallons ethanol per year, from the 110 million gallons per year authorized by the original permit. The revision will also increase permitted levels of plant emissions and amounts of grain processed, feed produced, and ethanol shipped from the plant. No new equipment or facilities are being added to the construction permit; instead the production increases will be the result of improved operating procedures at the plant.

The revisions would not be a significant new source or modification under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21 or the state Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification (MSSCAM), 35 IAC Part 203. Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the project is entitled to a construction permit and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on July 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Putnam County High School Auditorium, 402 E. Silverspoon Avenue in Granville. 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 July 7, 2008. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dana Vetterhoffer - Hearing Officer, Re: Marquis Energy, 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, August 21, 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, State Construction, Revision). These documents and the application can also be viewed at the Putnam County Library, 130 North 4th Street in Hennepin or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 12 Gunia Drive in LaSalle, 815/223-1344 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:
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