

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice  
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit to  
Caterpillar, Inc. in East Peoria

Caterpillar, Inc. has applied for a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct a “paint before assembly” project at its facility located at 901 West Washington Street in East Peoria. The paint before assembly project entails installation of several new coating lines which would be used to coat tractors and tractor parts prior to assembly. This method will reduce the amount of paint applied to each tractor, improve overall paint quality and improve worker safety. The project will replace all existing production coating operations at the plant except for coating operations in Building KK.

The project would not be a major new source or major modification of an existing source of air emissions as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21. Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project would comply with the applicable environmental regulations and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on the application for this project. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight July 12, 2007.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information, should be directed to Brad Frost, Bureau of Air, Illinois EPA, P. O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may view the draft permit and project summary at [www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm) (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the application may also be viewed at the Illinois EPA's offices at 5415 N. University Street, Peoria, 309/693-5461 and 1340 N. 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.