

PROJECT SUMMARY

I. Introduction

International Paper Company currently operates under federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) which was issued five years ago and is close to its expiration date. The company requested a renewal of their FESOP to continue to operate as non-major source for the purposes of the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP). Production and emission limitations, as well as monitoring and recordkeeping conditions contained in the FESOP have prevented the facility from being a major source and will assure this status in the future. These conditions would be enforceable by both the State of Illinois and USEPA.

II. Source Description

International Paper Company manufactures corrugated paper boxes. Manufacturing process involves paper gluing with starch-based adhesive cooked at the facility in the corrugating machine, boards cutting, folding and flexographic printing of the images on the boards. Some boards are laminated with plastic film. The company also manufactures paper pallets by gluing together several layers of corrugated paper.

III. Emissions

The principal air contaminant emitted from the facility is Volatile Organic Material (VOM), which is generated during the ink and glue application and their drying. Significant amount of VOM is also emitted during the numerous cleanup operations. It is assumed that 100% of VOM content in the raw materials is emitted to the atmosphere.

IV. Applicable Emission Standards

All emission sources in Illinois must comply with the Illinois Pollution Control Board's emission standards. The Board's emission standard represent the basic requirements for sources in Illinois. The Board has standards for sources of particulate matter and volatile organic materials. This site readily complies with all applicable Board standards.

V. Proposed Permit

The conditions of the proposed permit contain limitations and requirements to assure that this facility will be operated as a non-major source. The permit sets limitations on usage of VOM-containing materials. These limitations are consistent with the historical operation and capacity of the facility.

The permit conditions also establish appropriate compliance procedures, including inspection practices, recordkeeping requirements, and reporting requirements. The Permittee must carry out these procedures on an on-going basis to demonstrate that the facility is operating within the limitations set by the permit and are properly controlling emissions.

VI. Request for Comments

It is the Illinois EPA's preliminary determination that the facility meets all applicable state and federal air pollution control requirements, subject to the conditions proposed in the draft permit. The Illinois EPA is therefore proposing to issue a permit with federally enforceable limits for this operation.

Comments are requested on this proposed action by the Illinois EPA and the proposed conditions on the draft permit. If substantial public interest is shown in this matter, the Illinois EPA will consider holding a public hearing in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 166.