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Project Summary for an Application from
Golden Bag Company for
a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP)
for its plastic bags manufacturing facility
located at 290 Illinois St., East Dundee, Kane County

Site Identification No.: 089425AAF
Application No.: 07030018

Schedule

Public Comment Period Begins: July 29, 2010
Public Comment Period Closes: August 28, 2010

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I. INTRODUCTION

Golden Bag Company applied for a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for its facility located at 290 Illinois St., East Dundee, Kane County, Illinois 60118. This facility requires an air pollution control operating permit because it is a source of VOM and HAPs emissions. The Illinois EPA has prepared a draft permit that would propose to issue for the facility. However, before the permit is issued, the Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period to receive comments on this proposed action and the terms and conditions of the draft permit that IEPA would propose to issue.

II. SOURCE DESCRIPTION

Golden Bag Company manufactures and prints plastic bags (e.g. shopping bags) to customer-order design specifications using film extrusion and flexographic printing processes. Raw material is purchased in the form of pelletized high density extrusion to produce colored bags as desired. A baby powder fragrance purchased in pellet form is added to a small number of the product. The bag are formed and printed by extruder-printers. This facility requires an Air permit because of its VOM and HAPs emissions. The principal pollutants of concern here are VOM and HAPs that is generated from its plant operation.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits (FESOPs) are federally enforceable, that is, the terms and conditions of the permits can be enforced by USEPA under federal law, as well as by Illinois government and the public under state law. These permits can establish federally enforceable limitations on the operation and emissions of a source that restrict the potential emissions of the source.

This facility will be operating under a FESOP because the actual emissions of the facility are below the levels at which the facility would be considered a major source under Title V of the federal Clean Air Act. However, in the absence of federally enforceable limitations, the facility's potential emissions would be such that the facility would be considered a major source. The permit acts to restrict the facility potential emissions so that it need not be considered a major source. As a result, the source does not need not obtain a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for the facility, as would otherwise be required.

The FESOP limits the operation and annual emissions of the facility to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for VOM, 10 tons for an individual HAP and 25 tons for combined HAPs.

IV. APPLICABLE EMISSION STANDARDS

All emission units in Illinois must comply with state emission standards adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. These emission standards represent the basic requirements for sources in Illinois. The board has standards for sources of Nitrogen oxides (NOx), Volatile Organic Material, Particulate Matter (PM10), Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) and Carbon Monoxide (CO) emission. The application shows that the facility is in compliance with applicable state and federal emission standards.

V. CONTENTS OF THE PERMIT

The FESOP permit that the Illinois EPA is proposing to issue will identify specific emission standards that apply to the emission units at the facility. The conditions of this permit are intended to ensure that the source complies with applicable emission standards.

The permit would also contain limitations and requirements to assure that this facility is operated as a non-major source. The permit would limit the operation and annual emissions of the facility to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for VOM, 10 tons for an individual HAP and 25 tons for combined HAPs. (Annual emissions of other pollutants from the plant are well below the 100 ton major source threshold.)

The permit conditions would also require appropriate compliance procedures, including inspection practices as well as recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The source must carry out these procedures on an on-going basis to demonstrate that the facility is being operated within the limitations set by the permit and the facility's emissions are being properly controlled.

VI. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

It is the Illinois EPA's preliminary determination that the source has met the requirements for this permit. The Illinois EPA is therefore proposing to issue the permit.

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 IAC Part 166.