

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit to
Exolon-ESK Company, Hennepin

Exolon-ESK Company is planning to install a small natural gas fired heater to improve the performance of the Sulferox@ System at its silicon carbide production facility located on R.R. 1, Box 200A-ESK Road in Hennepin. The Sulferox@ System is used to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions. To install the heater, the company has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a temporary Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit. The temporary permit is needed during the connection of the heater because the Sulferox@ System will need to be off-line and there may be other outages of the system during shakedown. The temporary permit would allow a one year period for the shakedown of the enhanced Sulferox@ System after which the Sulferox@ System must be operated in accordance with the company's existing PSD permit. This permit is considered a significant modification pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

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, PSD, Significant Modification). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 12 Gunia Drive in LaSalle, 815/223-1344 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight April 25, 2001. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD phone number 217/782-9143.