

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC in Normal

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC has applied to the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for a construction permit for an expansion to its tire manufacturing plant located at 1600 Fort Jesse Road in Normal. This project includes physical modifications to the tire assembly and curing operations, including an additional tire assembly machine and an additional curing press or “pot heater” in the Curing Operations. The project also addresses existing operations at the plant that may be affected by this project, e.g., existing boilers or rubber processing equipment. The project is not a major new project for purposes of the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project will 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 December 1, 2012.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing or other informational meeting 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 <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html> The repositories for these documents and the application are located at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street, Champaign, 217/278-5800 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.