

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice

Proposed Significant Modification to the Clean Air Act Permit Program
Permit for
Northern Illinois University in DeKalb

Northern Illinois University has applied for a modification of the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for its natural gas fired boilers located at 100 Stadium Drive in DeKalb. The permit revisions qualify as a significant modification to the CAAPP permit. The permit is being modified to include the operation of natural gas fired boilers operated in the Convocation Center and Monsanto Building. Conditions related to these boilers are presented in Section 7.2 of the permit.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has made a preliminary determination to issue a revised permit. Because the revisions would qualify as a significant modification of the current CAAPP permit, the Illinois EPA has prepared a draft of a revised permit and is accepting public comments before taking final action on the application.

Comments on the proposed revisions to the permit must be postmarked by midnight February 1, 2007. If sufficient interest is expressed in the revision, a hearing may be held. Requests for information, comments, and questions should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois EPA, PO Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois, 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

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, Title V, Significant Modification). These documents and the application are available at the Illinois EPA's offices at 4302 N. Main, Rockford, 815/987-7750 and 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location, please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act (Act). The conditions of CAAPP permits are enforceable by the public, as well as by the USEPA and Illinois EPA. In addition to implementing Title V of the Act, CAAPP permits may contain "Title I Conditions," i.e., conditions established under the permit programs for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the Act. There are Title I provisions (denoted as T1) in this permit, specifically a new T1 condition was added in Section 7.2 to establish limitations on the operations of the natural gas fired boilers operating in the Convocation Center and the Monsanto Buildings at the university.