

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice

Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit to
Emerald Renewable Energy – Tuscola, LLC

Emerald Renewable Energy – Tuscola, LLC, 15407 McGinty Road, Wayzata, MN, 55391, has applied for a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct an ethanol manufacturing plant to be located on plat Twp 16 N, Range 18 E, Sec 33, outside of Tuscola in Douglas County. The project would have a nominal design capacity of 115.5 million gallons per year of denatured ethanol and would use natural gas as fuel. The project would not be a major new source of air emissions as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 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 September 20, 2007.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing 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 www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the application may also be viewed at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street in 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.