

Public Notice
Proposed Significant Modification to the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for
Caterpillar Inc. – East Peoria

Caterpillar Inc. – East Peoria has requested a revision to the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for the air emissions from its off-highway machinery production operations located at 901 West Washington Street in East Peoria. The revision is considered a significant modification to the permit. The changes include an increase in volatile organic emission (VOM) limits and annual emissions, language amended to remove an “electric oven” in the description of Unit 02, and the addition of the Acid Etch – HH and Acid Etch – KK process. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the revisions to the permit.

The CAAPP is Illinois’ operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act. The conditions of CAAPP permits are enforceable by the public, as well as by the USEPA and Illinois. The beginning of this public comment period also serves as the beginning date of the USEPA 45 day review period, provided the USEPA does not seek a separate proposed period. CAAPP permits may contain new and revised conditions established under permit programs for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the federal Clean Air Act, thereby making them combined Title V and Title I permits.

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 5415 N. University Street, Peoria, 309/693-5461 and 1340 North 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.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight July 17, 2004. If sufficient interest is expressed in a 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.