

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing
Concerning the Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
to Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC near Annawan

Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC has submitted an application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Division of Air Pollution Control for a permit to construct an ethanol plant to be located on Route 6, 1.5 miles east of Annawan in Henry County. The project would have the capacity to produce up to 110 million gallons of ethanol a year. The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination to issue a permit for the project and has prepared a draft permit for review. The Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period and a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed issuance of a permit for this project, prior to making a final decision on the application. The project would not be considered a major new source under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on August 2, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Annawan Meeting and Banquet Center, 317 North Canal in Annawan.

The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the application. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by July 15, 2006. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Hearing Officer, Re: Patriot Renewable Fuels Hearing, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

Written comments must sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, September 1, 2006, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer.

Written comments need not be notarized.

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, State Construction Permit, New). These documents and the application can also be viewed at the Annawan-Alba Township Public Library, 320 W. Front Street in Annawan or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 5415 N. University Street in Peoria, 309/693-5461 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:
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