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Project Summary for an Application from
FONA International, Inc. for a
Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for
1900 Averill Road
Geneva, Illinois

Site Identification No.: 089035ACB
Application No.: 08050037

Schedule

Public Comment Period Begins: September 15, 2010
Public Comment Period Closes: October 15, 2010

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I. INTRODUCTION

FONA International, Inc. has applied for a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for its Geneva, Illinois location. This plant requires an air pollution control operating permit because it is a source of emissions. The Illinois EPA has prepared a draft of the renewed permit that it would propose to issue for the plant. However, before issuing the permit, the Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period to receive comments on this proposed action and the terms and conditions of the draft permit that it would propose to issue.

II. SOURCE DESCRIPTION

FONA International, Inc. is a food flavoring manufacture. The emission units at this plant that require an operating permit include spray dryers equipped with natural gas-fired burners, and blending units. These processing units are sources of emissions because of emissions of particulate matter (PM), and volatile organic material (VOM) are released into the atmosphere from these units at various times. Also released are products of combustion.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits (FESOPs) are federally enforceable, that is, the terms and conditions of the permits can be enforced by USEPA under federal law, as well as by Illinois government and the public under state law. These permits can establish federally enforceable limitations on the operation and emissions of a source that restrict the potential emissions of the source.

The source will be operating this plant under a FESOP because the actual emissions of the plant are below the levels at which the plant would be considered a major source under Title V of the federal Clean Air Act. However, in the absence of federally enforceable limitations, the plant's potential emissions would be such that the plant would be considered a major source. The permit acts to restrict the plant potential emissions so that it need not be considered a major source. As a result, the source does not need to obtain a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for the plant, as would otherwise be required.

The FESOP limits the operation and annual emissions of the plant to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for PM, and VOM.

IV. APPLICABLE EMISSION STANDARDS

All emission units in Illinois must comply with state emission standards adopted by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. These emission standards represent the basic requirements for sources in Illinois. The Board limits smoke/opacity, visible emissions, PM, SO₂, and VOM. The application shows that the plant is in compliance with applicable state emission standards.

V. CONTENTS OF THE PERMIT

The permit that the Illinois EPA is proposing to issue will identify the specific emission standards that apply to the emission units at the plant. As explained spray dryers and blending units are subject to control requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218 Subpart TT. The conditions of this permit are intended to ensure that the source complies with applicable emission standards.

The permit would also contain limitations and requirements to assure that this plant is operated as a non-major source. The permit would limit the operation and annual emissions of the plant to below the major-source-thresholds of 100 tons for NOx, PM, VOM and SO2; 10 tons for an individual HAP and 25 tons for combined HAPs.

The permit conditions would also require appropriate compliance procedures, including inspection practices as well as recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The source must carry out these procedures on an on-going basis to demonstrate that the plant is being operated within the limitations set by the permit and the plant's emissions are being properly controlled.

VI. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

It is the Illinois EPA's preliminary determination that the source has met the requirements for this permit. The Illinois EPA is therefore proposing to issue the permit.

Comments are requested on this proposed action by the Illinois EPA and the proposed conditions on the draft permit. If substantial public interest is shown in this matter, the Illinois EPA will consider holding a public hearing in accordance with 35 IAC Part 166.