

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice

Proposed Renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for
the Stepan Company Millsdale Plant in Elwood

The Stepan Company Millsdale Plant has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) renew the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit regulating air emissions from its specialty chemical, polymer and surfactant manufacturing plant located at 22500 West Millsdale Road in Elwood. Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight December 24, 2008. If sufficient interest is expressed in the draft 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.

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, Renewal). These documents and the application are available at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North 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.

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. This permit contains T1 conditions in sections 7.1.5, 7.1.6, 7.2.6, 7.3.6, 7.4.6, 7.5.5, 7.5.6, and 7.6.6 that were established in previously issued permits. The permit contains no T1 conditions that are being revised or newly established by this application.