

Public Notice
of the Proposed Issuance of a Lifetime Operating Permit to
Rhodia, Inc. – Chicago Heights

Rhodia, Inc. – Chicago Heights has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency issue a Lifetime Operating Permit for the air emissions from its silica plant located at 1020 State Street in Chicago Heights. The Rhodia facility operating at the site, including the silica plant, formerly was issued a Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit (CAAPP) as a major source of air emissions. The majority of Rhodia's Chicago Heights facility is being sold to Innophos, Inc. with only the silica unit remaining with Rhodia. The silica plant will no longer be under common control or ownership nor will it have a support facility role with the Innophos facility, so the two companies will become separate sources with Rhodia seeking this Lifetime Operating Permit as a non-major source for the silica plant and Innophos, Inc. operating under the previously issued CAAPP permit.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit.

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, Lifetime Operating Permit, New). These documents and the application may also be obtained from 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.

Comments are requested on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight January 8, 2005. If sufficient interest is expressed in the 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.