

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice Proposed Issuance General Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits for Drum-Mix Asphalt Plants and Batch-Mix Asphalt Plants

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is accepting comments on its proposal to establish General Federally Enforceable State Operation Permits (General FESOP) for two types of asphalt plants, drum-mix and batch-mix. An asphalt plant is used to manufacture hot-mix asphalt for use as pavement in road construction projects.

The purpose of a general permit is to cover a large number of small facilities, which have similar operations. The draft permits would cover two different types of asphalt plants. The General FESOPs are for drum-mix asphalt plants and batch-mix asphalt plants. Once established, General FESOPs could be issued to facilities that meet the criteria established in the General FESOP without further public review of the permit issuance. Each facility would be required to meet the criteria established in the General FESOP and operate in compliance with the conditions of the General FESOP. A facility will have to apply to renew its General FESOP every ten years. These permits will only cover existing asphalt plants or new facilities that have separately been issued a construction permit from the Illinois EPA.

The General FESOP for drum-mix plants allows operation of a drum mixer and dryer with baghouse control, up to eight asphalt storage silos, twelve storage tanks, five asphalt tank heaters, truck load out and an aggregate crushing plant. The permit includes asphalt production, fuel usage and material processing restrictions.

The General FESOP for batch-mix plants allows operation of an aggregate dryer with baghouse control, up to eight asphalt storage silos, twelve storage tanks, five asphalt tank heaters, truck load out and an aggregate crushing plant. The permit includes asphalt production, fuel usage and material processing restrictions.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permits and project summary at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000; 412 SW Washington Street, Suite D, Peoria, 309/671-3022; 2009 Mall Street in Collinsville, 618/346-5120 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 proposed General FESOPs. Comments must be postmarked by midnight August 2, 2014. 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.