

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a State Construction Permit
and Notice of Public Hearing for
Corn Products Argo Plant in Bedford Park

Corn Products Argo Plant has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) issue a permit to construct three natural gas fired boilers at the Corn Products facility located at 6400 South Archer Avenue in Bedford Park. The three new boilers will replace three existing coal fired boilers and two existing natural gas fired boilers. The increase in emissions from the new boilers will be offset by the retirement of the coal and gas fired boilers resulting in a net decrease in air emissions from the facility. As such the project will not be subject to the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration rules, 40 CFR 52.21 or the state Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification rules, 35 IAC 203. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the proposed permit.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on July 1, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bedford Park Village Hall, 6701 South Archer Road in Bedford Park. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive verbal comments and data into the written hearing record and to answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the permit. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight, July 31, 2002, unless otherwise specified by the hearing officer at the time of the hearing. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans" 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166. All questions about the hearing procedure, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the Hearing Officer, address above. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the Hearing Officer by June 15, 2002.

Persons wanting more information may review the Illinois EPA's project summary and draft permit at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look for the documents under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Bedford Park Public Library, 7816 West 65th Place in Bedford Park and the Illinois EPA's office's at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead if coming to the Illinois EPA office to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

For information or requests concerning application or draft permit, please contact:
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