

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
Continental Tire the Americas, LLC in Mt. Vernon

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC has applied to the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for a construction permit to make changes to the mixing department at its tire manufacturing plant located at 11525 North Illinois Highway 142 in Mount Vernon. This project includes two new rubber mixing units, increased capacity of an existing mixing unit, and new carbon black day bins. The changes would accommodate demand for tires made with improved rubber compounds, which require additional mixing time. To maintain the production with the new rubber technology, additional mixing capacity is needed. This project does not authorize an increase in rubber or tire production. The project is not a major project or modification for purposes of the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project will comply with the applicable environmental regulations and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on the application for this project. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight October 4, 2012.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing or other informational meeting may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information, should be directed to Brad Frost, Bureau of Air, Illinois EPA, P. O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may view the draft permit and project summary at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html>. The repositories for these documents and the application are located at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2309 W. Main, Marion, 618/993-7200 and 1340 N. 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.