

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 8, 2010
To: File
From: Dean Studer, Hearing Officer 
RE: Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC—Hearing File Closure and Responsiveness Summary

At the Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC hearing on July 29, 2010 and during the subsequent comment period that closed on August 30, 2010 no questions, comments, criticisms or suggestions were received relevant to the issuance of the air permit. The permit was issued on September 8, 2010. The Agency has prepared the attached abbreviated Responsiveness Summary pursuant to the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166.192.

Responsiveness Summary

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air received an application for a revised air pollution control construction permit for Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC, whose address is 101 Patriot Way, Annawan, Illinois. This ethanol plant is located on U.S. Route 6, about 1.5 miles east of Annawan in Henry County.

The ethanol production facility applied for a revised permit to allow an increase in the permitted capacity of the plant from 110 million gallons per year, as authorized in the original permit, to 130 million gallons per year. This increase in production would not entail construction of new equipment or facilities, but achieved through enhancement of installed equipment and improvements in operating procedures. This project is not considered a major source or major modification under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration, 40 CFR § 52.21. However, the plant is considered a major source pursuant to the operation permitting under the federal Clean Air Act Permit Program.

The Illinois EPA received a request from the permit applicant to conduct a public hearing on the draft revised construction permit. Notice of the comment period for the draft revised construction permit and of the upcoming public hearing was published in the *Kewanee Star Courier* on June 14, 2010, June 21, 2010, and on June 28, 2010. Notices were mailed pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166.130 and the notice was posted on the Illinois EPA website.

The public hearing was held on July 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center of the Annawan Elementary School for the purpose of obtaining comments on the draft revised permit. The hearing officer started the hearing by reading an opening statement into the record. Then, Mr. Minesh Patel, a permit engineer in the Bureau of Air, gave a summary of the draft revised permit. This was followed by Mr. Gene Griffith, chairman, president, and CEO of Patriot Renewable Fuels, LLC making an opening statement. Twelve people representing Patriot Renewable Fuels, the Village of Annawan and Marquis Energy attended the hearing. Agency staff were available during and after the hearing to answer questions from those attending the hearing. A court reporter prepared a transcript of the public hearing which was posted on the Illinois EPA website on August 12, 2010. The hearing record remained open through August 30, 2010.

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