

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation - Joliet Refinery

ExxonMobil Oil Corporation - Joliet Refinery has applied for a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for its Low Sulfur Mo-Gas (LSM) Project at its facility at I-55 and Arsenal Road in Joliet. The LSM project will enable the refinery to produce low sulfur gasoline as required by federal regulation "Tier 2 Motor Vehicle Emissions Standards and Gasoline Sulfur Control Requirements." The project will allow the refinery to remove sulfur from certain streams that are currently not treated at the level required to produce low-sulfur gasoline. This will be done by increasing the capacity of the desulfuration units and installation of a new Selective Hydrogenation Unit and Naphtha Splitter. Improvements will also be made to the South Sulfur Recovery Plant. The project will not be a major modification as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

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, State Construction Permit, New). These documents and the application can 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 proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight November 9, 2001. 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.