

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
Proposed Revision of the
Lifetime General Operating Permit for Small Aggregate Processing Plants
and the
Lifetime General Operating Permit for Large Aggregate Processing Plants

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Air is accepting comments on its proposal to revise the two Lifetime General Operating Permits for aggregate processing plants. One permit applies to small aggregate processing plants and the other applies to large aggregate processing plants. The general permits are being revised to incorporate revisions to the federal New Source Performance Standards for aggregate plants. An aggregate processing plant's operations include crushing, screening, material handling, size classification and storage operations.

Facilities that have air emissions must obtain permits from the Illinois EPA. The purpose of a general permit is to cover a large number of small facilities, which have similar operations. Once established, the Lifetime General Operating Permits could be issued to facilities that meet the criteria established in the permit without further public review of the permit issuance. Each facility would be required to meet the criteria established in the permit and operate in compliance with the conditions of the permit. These two permits under consideration are Lifetime permits and once issued would not need to be renewed except as described in Condition 1 of the permits. These permits will only cover existing aggregate processing facilities or new facilities that have separately been issued a construction permit from the Illinois EPA.

The Lifetime General Operating Permit for Small Aggregate Processing Plants applies to plants with up to ten crushers, fifteen screens, and 120 conveyors and bins and processes up to 418,390 tons per month and 4,183,900 tons per year at the aggregate processing plant.

The Lifetime General Operating Permit for Large Aggregate Processing Plants applies to plants with up to seventeen crushers, up to twenty-seven screens and up to 200 conveyors and bins, and processes up to 952,000 tons per month and 9,520,000 tons per year at the aggregate processing plant.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permits and project summary at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/epermits.html>. The repositories for these documents are at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000; 5415 North University, Peoria, 309/693-5461; 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 revised permits. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 14, 2010. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permits, 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.