

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a State Construction Permit
and Notice of Public Hearing for
MEP Investments, LLC, Piatt County

MEP Investments, LLC, has requested a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct a natural gas fired power plant south of Highway 10, east of Deland and West of Lodge, 5 miles north of Monticello in Piatt County. The construction permit would allow the construction of up to six natural gas fired turbines to generate up to 570 megawatts of electricity. The project would not be a major source of air emissions pursuant to the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration rules (40 CFR52.21). The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the proposed permit.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on June 20, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Monticello Municipal Building, 201 North Hamilton Street in Monticello. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and data 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 20, 2001, 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.

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 Permit, New). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, 217/278-5800 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.

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

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