

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit
and Notice of Public Hearing for
Midwest Generation's Crawford Plant in Chicago

Midwest Generation EME, LLC, 440 South LaSalle Street, Suite 3500, Chicago, has requested a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for its Crawford power plant in Chicago. The Crawford plant is located at 3501 S. Pulaski Road and has two coal-fired boilers, 16 gas and oil-fired peaking turbines, and related units.

The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act. The conditions of CAAPP permits are enforceable by the public, as well as by the USEPA and Illinois. CAAPP permits may contain new and revised conditions established under permit programs for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the federal Clean Air Act, thereby making them combined Title V and Title I permits.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on August 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the St Agnes Church, 2651 South Central Park Ave. in Chicago. 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 application. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight, September 28, 2003, unless otherwise specified by the hearing officer. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to Illinois EPA Hearing Officer, Re: Crawford CAAPP, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's Procedures for Permit and Closure Plan Hearings, 35 IAC Part 166. All questions about hearing procedures, requests for copies of the procedures, or requests for interpreters should be directed to the Hearing Officer, address above. Requests for interpreters (including sign language or other special needs) must be made to the Hearing Officer by July 25, 2003.

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, Title V, New). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Chicago Public Library, Rudy Lozano Branch, 1805 South Loomis Street, Chicago, and the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison, Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 N. Ninth Street, Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests concerning the application or draft permit, please contact: Brad Frost, Community Relations Coordinator, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East P.O. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506 or 217/782-2113 (217/782-9143 TDD).