

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit and
Notice of Public Hearing
for Archer Daniels Midland, Decatur

Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM), 4666 Faries Parkway in Decatur, has applied for a revised permit for the new Xanthan Gum plant at its Decatur complex. Xanthan gum is a natural gum that is commonly added to a variety of commercial food products as a stabilizer. The plant is a source of emissions due to the solvents needed to purify the raw xanthan feedstock. The revised permit would allow the plant to be a major source of volatile organic material (VOM) emissions.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur City Council Chambers, Decatur Civic Center, 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza in Decatur. 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 permits. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight February 23, 2000. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to the Hearing Officer, see address below.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans" 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166. All questions about the hearing procedure, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the contact listed below. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made by January 27, 2000.

Copies of the draft permits and project summary are available on the Internet at www.epa.gov/ARD-R5/permits/ilonline.htm. These documents along with the permit application may also be reviewed at the Decatur Public Library, 130 North Franklin Street in Decatur and the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, 217/333-8361 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, Illinois. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

For information or requests concerning the hearing, application or draft permits, please contact:

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