

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice  
Proposed Issuance of Six  
Lifetime General Operating Permits for  
Concrete Batch Plants

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is accepting comments on its proposal to establish six Lifetime General Operating permits for different configurations of concrete batch plants. A concrete batch plant's operations include all aggregate transfer, weigh hopper loading, mixer loading, truck loading, cement and/or fly ash silo loading and transferring at the site. A concrete batch plant would not be eligible for the general permit if its operations included other facilities, such as an aggregate processing plant, asphalt mix plants, or any other process units at the concrete batch plant site. The six different general permits would be for high, medium and low output central mix batch plants and high, medium and low output truck mix batch plants.

Facilities that have air emissions must obtain permits from the Illinois EPA. The purpose of a general permit is to regulate in a similar manner a large number of small facilities, which have similar operations. The Lifetime General Operating permits would include limits on the amount of concrete produced, amount of equipment at the site, and type of emission control equipment used. Once established, a Lifetime General Operating permit could be issued to any facility that meets the criteria established in the Lifetime General Operating permit without further public review of the permit issuance. Each facility would then be required to operate in compliance with the conditions of the Lifetime General Operating permit. These permits will only cover existing concrete batch plants or new facilities that have separately been issued a construction permit from the Illinois EPA.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permits and project summaries at [www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm) (please look under All Permit Records, Lifetime General Permit, New). These documents may also be obtained 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 proposed Lifetime General Operating permits. Comments must be postmarked by midnight December 1, 2007. 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.