

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Clean Air Act Permit Program (Title V) Permit and
Revision of a Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit for
Exolon-ESK Company, Pontiac

Exolon-ESK Company has requested a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for air emissions from its silicon carbide manufacturing facility located on ESK Road near Hennepin. As a major source of air emissions, the company is required by the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act to obtain a CAAPP permit. The permit will be enforceable by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the Illinois EPA. The beginning of this public comment period also serves as the beginning date of the USEPA 45 day review period, provided the USEPA does not seek a separate proposed period. This permit may contain terms and conditions established pursuant to Title I of the federal Clean Air Act thereby making it a combined CAAPP and Title I permit. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit.

Exolon-ESK has also requested a revision to a construction permit previously issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for the new Sulferox@ control system at the facility listed above. The revision would change the PSD permit to address the company's actual operating experience with the Sulferox@ system. Specifically, although the Sulferox@ system meets 98% removal efficiency for hydrogen sulfide, the overall sulfur control efficiency is less than predicted.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permits and project summaries at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, Title V, New or All Permit Records, PSD, Revision) or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 12 Gunia Drive in LaSalle, 815/223-1344 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth Street, Springfield, 217/782-7027. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

Comments are requested on the proposed issuance of the permits. Comments must be postmarked by midnight May 3, 2002. If sufficient interest is expressed in a permit, 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.