

## Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

### Notice of Public Comment Period Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit University of Illinois – Chicago

The Illinois EPA is proposing to issue a revised construction permit to the University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC) that would allow for the continued operation of Boiler 4, an existing natural gas-fired boiler at its West Campus, 1717 West Taylor Street in Chicago. UIC has applied for the revised permit to enable it to reliably supply steam to the various hospital and medical facilities at its West Campus. The permit that is proposed to be revised (Construction Permit 98100093) was originally issued in 1998 and authorized certain new heating and generating equipment to be installed at the heating plant for the West Campus. UIC has shown that it was not necessary for the original construction permit to have relied on the shut down of Boiler 4. The permit only needed to rely on the shut down of Boilers 1, 2 and 3.

The project is not a major new project or modification for purposes of the state rules for Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification (MSSCAM), 35 IAC Part 203 or the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21. Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project will comply with the applicable environmental regulations and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on the application for this project. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight May 19, 2013.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing or other informational meeting may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information, should be directed to Brad Frost, Bureau of Air, Illinois EPA, P. O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may view the draft permit and project summary at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html>. The repositories for these documents and the application are located at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 N. 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.