

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a
General Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP)
For Large Aggregate Processing Plant -- NSPS Source

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is accepting comments on its proposal to establish a General FESOP for large aggregate processing plants. An aggregate processing plant's operations include crushing, screening, material handling, size classification and storage operations. The General FESOP for large aggregate processing plants would currently only apply to two facilities in the state, the aggregate processing plant at the Vulcan Construction Materials quarry in McCook and the Hanson Material Service aggregate processing plant in Thornton.

Facilities that have air emissions must obtain permits from the Illinois EPA. The purpose of a general permit is to regulate facilities which have similar operations in a similar manner. The General FESOP would limit the amount of equipment and production at the facilities. Once established, the General FESOP could be issued to facilities that meet the criteria established in the General FESOP without further public review of the permit issuance. Each facility would be required to meet the criteria and operate in compliance with the conditions established in the General FESOP. The permit will only cover existing aggregate 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 permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, General FESOP, New). These documents may also be obtained at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 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 General FESOP. Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 21, 2008. 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.