

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Proposed Revision of a Construction Permit/PSD Approval for
Aventine Renewable Energy in Pekin

Aventine Renewable Energy, Inc. has applied to the Illinois EPA for a revision of the construction permit for an ethanol expansion project at its manufacturing complex at 1300 S. Second Street in Pekin. This project involved construction of a new dry mill ethanol facility with natural gas-fired boiler system, which has now been operating for about 18 months. Aventine has applied for various changes to the Construction Permit/PSD Approval issued for this new facility, including an increase in the permitted production of the facility to 63.5 million gallons per year, from 56.5 million gallons per year. While the requested revisions would shift the permitted emissions of certain emission units, they would not increase the overall emissions for which the new facility is permitted. They also would not change the determination of Best Available Control Technology originally made for the new facility under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21.

The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that Aventine's application for a revised permit would comply with applicable regulations and has prepared a draft of the revised Construction Permit/PSD Approval that it would propose to issue.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight August 20, 2008. As provided by 40 CFR 124.11 and 124.12, if a significant degree of public interest is expressed in the draft permit, a hearing may be held. Comments and other communications concerning this matter should be directed to Brad Frost, Division of Air Pollution Control, Illinois EPA, PO. Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, (TDD 217/782-9143).

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit and the project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, PSD, Revision). These documents and the application may also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 5415 N. University St. in Peoria, 309/693-5461 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.