

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit
and Notice of Public Hearing for
to Holland Energy, LLC

Holland Energy, L.L.C., 111 Market Place, Suite 200, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202, has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct an electrical generation facility to be located on the north side of the county line road between Shelby County and Effingham County in Holland Township, Shelby County. The facility would use two natural gas fired turbines to produce approximately 640 megawatts of electricity. This facility will be a major new source of air emissions pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2000, at 6:00 p.m. at the Beecher City High School, 438 East State Highway 33, Beecher City. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and data and to answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the permit. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight March 28, 2000. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to the Hearing Officer, see address below.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans" 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166. All questions about the hearing procedure, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the contact listed below. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made by February 29, 2000.

The proposed project will be a major source of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, volatile organic material and carbon monoxide emissions. The project is located in an area that is attainment for these emissions and is therefore subject to PSD. The Illinois EPA has determined that use of natural gas as the primary fuel, good combustion practices, low NO_x burners, and use of selective catalytic reduction as proposed, constitutes Best Available Control Technology (BACT). The cooling towers at the Holland Energy Facility will be equipped with highly efficient drift eliminators to minimize loss of water droplets from the cooling towers and associated PM/PM₁₀ drift.

The analysis of air quality impacts from this project required by PSD indicates that emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter and carbon monoxide will not have a significant impact on air quality.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/ARD-R5/permits/ilonline.htm (please look for the documents under All Permit

Records, PSD, New). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Hellen Matthes Public Library, 100 E. Market Ave., Effingham and at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, 217/333-8361 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you) and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

For information or requests concerning the hearing, application or draft permits, please contact:

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