

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period for the
Proposed Revision of the Construction Permit for
Illinois River Energy, LLC in Rochelle

Illinois River Energy, LLC has applied to the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for revisions to the construction permit for its fuel ethanol manufacturing plant located at 1900 Steward Road in Rochelle. Illinois River Energy is requesting that the permitted production capacity of the plant be increased to 125 million gallons per year from 115 million gallons per year authorized by the current expansion project permit. The increase will not require construction of new emission units. This increase in plant production would be accompanied by increases in amount of corn processed, feed produced, and ethanol shipped and associated increases in permitted emissions of certain units at the plant.

The revisions would not change the status of the plant for purposes of 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 the revisions to the permit 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 this application. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 13, 2012.** 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 4302 N. Main in Rockford, 815/987-7750 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.