

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Proposed Issuance of Construction Permits to
Ethanex Energy Southern Illinois, LLC and Ethanex Energy in Waltonville

Ethanex Energy, 14500 Parallel Road, Suite A, Basehor, Kansas, 66007, has applied to the Illinois EPA for a permit to construct a biomass-fired boiler and associated facilities, adjacent to its proposed ethanol production plant to be located on East Highway 148 near Waltonville. The proposed biomass-fired boiler would provide steam to the new ethanol plant as an alternative to the gas-fired boilers originally permitted for the plant. The company also is requesting that the Illinois EPA reissue the permit for the adjacent ethanol facility, Ethanex Energy Southern Illinois, LLC, with changes to address the presence of the biomass-fired boiler. The two facilities are considered a single source of emissions.

The projects would not be major under the rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21, or Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification (MSSCAM), 35 IAC Part 203. Based on its review of the applications, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the applications for the two projects comply with applicable rules. The Illinois EPA has prepared draft permits for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making final decisions on the applications. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight April 26, 2008.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information, should be directed to Brad Frost, Bureau of Air, Illinois EPA, Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may view the draft permits and the project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the applications may also be viewed at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2009 Mall Street, Collinsville, 618/346-5120 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.