

Public Notice
of the Proposed Renewal of the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit for
The Dow Chemical Company in Charleston

The Dow Chemical Company has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency renew the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) for the air emissions from its insulated foam panels manufacturing facility located at 1255 North Fifth Street in Charleston. The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP permit allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit.

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, FESOP, Renewal). These documents and the application may also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street in Champaign, 217/278-5800 or 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 draft permit. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight March 9, 2005.** If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, 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.