

Public Notice  
Proposed Issuance of a State Construction Permit to  
Northwestern Steel and Wire Company, Sterling

Northwestern Steel and Wire Company has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a permit to construct a new rolling mill at its facility located at 121 Wallace Street in Sterling. The new rolling mill would replace two older less efficient mills. The new mill project would not constitute a major modification pursuant to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 52.21. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this project.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit, and project summary at [www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm) (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permit, New). These documents and the application can also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 1630 Fifth Street in Moline, 309/797-3341 and 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 proposed issuance of the permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight July 6, 2001. 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.