

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit and
Revised Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit to
Bag Makers, Inc. in Union

Bag Makers, Inc. has applied to the Illinois EPA for a construction permit to add new printing presses at its facility located at 6606 South Union Road in Union. The new processes would not be a significant new source or modification under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21 or the state Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification (MSSCAM), 35 IAC Part 203.

The company has also requested that its Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP), which is the operating permit for the plant, be revised to incorporate the new construction permit.

The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the applications would comply with the environmental regulations and has prepared a draft construction permit and draft revised FESOP for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permits. Comments must be postmarked by midnight July 4, 2008. If sufficient interest is expressed in a 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.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permits and the project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, FESOP, Revision). These documents and the applications may also be obtained from the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 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.

The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The FESOP will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The FESOP will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.