

Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period
Concerning Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit to
Chicago Coke Company in Chicago

Chicago Coke Company (Chicago Coke) has applied for a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to rebuild the coke oven battery at 11400 South Burley Avenue in Chicago. Chicago Coke must obtain a permit from the Illinois EPA's Bureau of Air for the proposed rebuild because it will entail modifications to the coke oven battery. Chicago Coke proposes to perform a pad-up rebuild, which involves replacing the bricks in the coke oven battery from the foundation up, without changes to the layout of the battery. Chicago Coke will be making various enhancements to the source that should improve its operation. As proposed by Chicago Coke, the rebuild/restart of the facility, which last operated in December 2001, would not constitute a major modification, i.e., a significant increase in emissions, as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21 or the state rules 35 IAC 203: Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on January 25, 2005 at 7:00 pm at The Zone, Youth and Community Center, 11731 South Avenue O in Chicago. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the draft permit. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. Requests for interpreters (including sign language) must be made by January 11, 2005. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Charles Matoesian, Hearing Officer, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/782-5544.

Written comments must sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, February 24, 2005, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

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, State Construction Permit, New). These documents and the application can also be viewed at the Vodak/East Side Branch of the Chicago Public Library, 10542 S. Ewing Avenue in Chicago or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 North Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:
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