

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
and Notice of Public Hearing for
CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Lemont

CITGO Petroleum Corporation has requested a construction permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a "Turnaround" project that would include improvements to the existing Crude Unit, Sponge Coker Unit and Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU) at CITGO's refinery located at 135th Street and New Avenue in Lemont. The improvements would allow the refinery to process more acidic crude oil and maintain the processing rate of the sponge coker during warmer weather. Improvements to control measures for affected units, including installation of low-NO_x burners and use of de-SO_x catalyst in the FCCU, would keep the net increase in air emissions from being significant. Accordingly, the project would not be a major modification pursuant to the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (40 CFR 52.21) or the state's rules for Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification (35 IAC 203). The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the proposed permit.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on October 25, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romeoville High School, 100 North Independence Road in Romeoville. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and data and to answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the permit. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted to the Illinois EPA in writing. Written comments must be postmarked by midnight, November 9, 2001, unless otherwise specified by the hearing officer at the time of the hearing. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of Subpart A of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans" 35 Ill. Adm. Code 166. All questions about the hearing procedure, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the Hearing Officer, address below. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the Hearing Officer by October 10, 2001.

Persons wanting more information may review the Illinois EPA's project summary and draft permit at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look for the documents under All Permit Records, State Construction Permit, New). These documents along with the application may also be reviewed at the Fountaintdale Public Library, 201 W Normantown Road, Romeoville, and 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.

For information or requests concerning application or draft permit, please contact:

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