

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period for the
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit and
Revision of the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit for
Engineered Polymer Solutions, Inc. in Wheeling

Engineered Polymer Solutions, Inc. doing business as Valspar Coatings has applied to the Illinois EPA for an air pollution control construction permit to install two new filling lines at its paint manufacturing facility located at 1191 South Wheeling Road in Wheeling. The project would not be a major new source or modification of air emissions as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21 or the state rules Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification (MSSCAM), 35 IAC Part 203.

Engineered Polymer Solutions, Inc. has also requested that its Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) be revised to incorporate the operation of the equipment listed in the proposed construction permit.

Based on its review of the applications, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the applications will comply with the applicable environmental regulations and has prepared draft permits for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permits. Comments must be postmarked by midnight June 6, 2009. 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 project summaries at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.html (please look under Permits (Sorted by Type), FESOP Permit Records). 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 permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The FESOP permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.