

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
Proposed Renewal of Three
General Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits for
Asphalt Plants

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is accepting comments on its proposal to renew the three General Federally Enforceable State Operation Permits (General FESOP) for asphalt plants. An asphalt plant is used to manufacture hot-mix asphalt for use as pavement in road construction projects.

The purpose of a general permit is to cover a large number of small facilities, which have similar operations. The three proposed permits would cover three different types of asphalt plants. The General FESOPs are for Drum-mix asphalt plants, Drum-mix asphalt plants with a generator, and Batch-mix asphalt plants with a generator. Once established, General FESOPs could be issued to facilities that meet the criteria established in the General FESOP without further public review of the permit issuance. Each facility would be required to meet the criteria established in the General FESOP and operate in compliance with the conditions of the General FESOP. A facility will have to apply to renew its General FESOP every five years. These permits will only cover existing asphalt plants or new facilities that have separately been issued a construction permit from the Illinois EPA.

The General FESOP for Drum-mix plants allows operation of a drum mixer and dryer with baghouse control, up to eight asphalt storage silos, twelve storage tanks, five asphalt tank heaters, and a recycled concrete crushing plant. The permit includes asphalt production, fuel usage and material processing restrictions.

The General FESOP for Drum-mix plants with a generator allows operation of a drum mixer and drum dryer with baghouse control, up to eight asphalt storage silos, twelve storage tanks, five asphalt tank heaters, a recycled concrete crushing plant, and a diesel-powered generator. The permit includes asphalt production, fuel usage and material processing restrictions.

The General FESOP for Batch-mix plants with a generator allows operation of an aggregate dryer with baghouse control and an associated pug mill mixer, up to eight asphalt storage silos, twelve storage tanks, five asphalt tank heaters, a recycled concrete crushing plant, and a diesel-powered generator. The permit includes asphalt production, fuel usage and material processing restrictions.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permits and project summary at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000; 5415 North University, Peoria, 309/693-5461; 2009 Mall Street in Collinsville, 618/346-5120 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 General FESOP renewals. Comments must be postmarked by midnight October 30, 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.