

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing  
Concerning the Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit  
to Ford Heights Ethanol, LLC in Ford Heights

Ford Heights Ethanol, LLC, 2248 North Burling, Chicago, Illinois, 60614, has applied for a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct an ethanol manufacturing plant to be located at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Ellis Avenue in Ford Heights. The project would have a nominal design capacity of 63 million gallons per year of denatured ethanol and would use natural gas as fuel. The project would not be a major new source of air emissions as defined by the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules, 40 CFR 52.21. Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project is entitled to a construction permit. The Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period and a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed issuance of a permit for this project, prior to making a final decision on the application.

**The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on June 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Cottage Grove Middle School, 800 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Ford Heights.** The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the application. 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 May 29, 2007. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, John Kim - Hearing Officer, Re: Ford Heights Ethanol, 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, June 26, 2007,** 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](http://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 Chicago Heights Public Library, 25 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Chicago Heights and the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either Illinois EPA 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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