

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
Proposed Significant Modification to the
Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for
Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. in St. Elmo

Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Post Office Box 549, Greenville, Illinois, 62246, has applied for a modification of the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for its electric generation facility located on County Road 4, R.R. 2-142-1 near St. Elmo. The permit revisions qualify as a significant modification to the CAAPP permit. The permit is being modified to include the facility's Acid Rain permit.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is also proposing to renew the Acid Rain permit for the plant, pursuant to Section 39.5(17)(b) of Illinois' Environmental Protection Act. The Acid Rain Permit would require Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. to hold SO₂ allowances for the actual SO₂ emissions from the turbines.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight November 14, 2008. If sufficient interest is expressed in the draft 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 permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, Title V, Significant Modification). These documents and the application are available at the Illinois EPA's offices at 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.

The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act (Act). The conditions of CAAPP permits are enforceable by the public, as well as by the USEPA and Illinois EPA. In addition to implementing Title V of the Act, CAAPP permits may contain "Title I Conditions," i.e., conditions established under the permit programs for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the Act. This permit contains no T1 conditions that were established in previously issued permits. The permit contains T1 conditions in section

7.1.6 that are being revised by this application. This permit contains no T1 conditions that are newly established by this application.