

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
of the Proposed Revision of the Federally Enforceable State Operating
Permit for
Mars Petcare US, Inc. in Mattoon

Mars Petcare US, Inc. has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency revise the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating the air emissions from its dry pet food manufacturing plant located at 6565 East County Road 1000 N near Mattoon. The permit is being revised to include the operation of a replacement for the Mixed Meal Hammermill #5. The Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application would comply with the environmental regulations and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight November 25, 2011. If sufficient interest is expressed in the permit, a hearing or other informational meeting 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 <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html>. The repositories for these documents and the application are at the Illinois EPA's offices at 2125 South First Street, Champaign, 217/278-5800 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 permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.