

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice  
of the Proposed Renewal of  
the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit for  
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center has requested that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency renew the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating the air emissions from its hospital located at 836 West Wellington Avenue in Chicago. The Illinois EPA has reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review and comment.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written comments on the draft permit. Comments must be postmarked by midnight December 11, 2010. 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 <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html>. The repositories for these documents and the application are at 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 permit 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.