

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit to
Emerald Renewable Energy – Havana, LLC

Emerald Renewable Energy – Havana, LLC, 15407 McGinty Road, Wayzata, MN, 55391, has applied for a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to construct an ethanol manufacturing plant to be located South of Havana, Northeast of the intersection of County Roads 1500N and 1600E in Mason County. The project would have a nominal design capacity of 115.5 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 will comply with the applicable environmental regulations and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on the application for this project. **Comments must be postmarked by midnight September 21, 2007.** If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information, should be directed to Brad Frost, Bureau of Air, Illinois EPA, P. O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-2113, TDD 217/782-9143.

Persons wanting more information may view the draft permit and project summary at www.epa.gov/region5/air/permits/ilonline.htm (please look under All Permit Records, State Construction Permits, New). These documents and the application may also be viewed at the Illinois EPA's offices at 5415 N. University Street in Peoria, 309/693-5461 and 1340 N. 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.