Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period and Hearing
Planned Revisions to the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit
City Water Light and Power in Springfield

The Illinois EPA is planning to make revisions to the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for City Water Light and Power’s electrical generating station located at 3100 Stevenson Drive in Springfield. This coal-fired power plant is owned by the City of Springfield. Revisions to the permit are planned pursuant to a reopening proceeding under Section 39.5(15)(c) of the Environmental Protection Act. These revisions would address additional air pollution control requirements that are applicable to the plant to bring the permit up to date. Concurrent with this reopening, other revisions to the permit are also planned that would qualify as significant modifications to the permit under Section 39.5(14)(c). Revisions would be made to the permit to address Dallman 4, including approval of the Compliance Assurance Monitoring Plans submitted by CWLP for the emissions of certain pollutants from this new coal-fired boiler. Revisions would also be made to certain provisions of the permit to reflect refinements made in the CAAPP permits for other coal-fired power plants in Illinois and to make other refinements now being requested by the source.

Based on its review, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that these planned revisions to the current permit meet the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft of a revised permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on August 30, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the University of Illinois Springfield Public Affairs Center (PAC), 1 University Plaza in Springfield. The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the draft CAAPP permit. 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 August 10, 2016. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dean Studer – Hearing Officer, Re: CWLP, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., PO Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/558-8280, dean.studer@illinois.gov.

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comments on the draft permit during the comment period. Written comments must be received no later than midnight September 6, 2016 unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer.

Copies of the draft permit and other documents may be viewed at a public repository located at Lincoln Library, 326 S. Seventh St., Springfield, and the Illinois EPA office at 1021 N. Grand Ave. East, Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for the Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). The draft permit may
also be made available on the internet at http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/. For information or requests about the draft permit, please contact Jillian Hawkins, Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA at 217/524-0922 or 217/782-9143 TDD or jillian.hawkins@illinois.gov.

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. The revised permit would contain T1 conditions from the construction permit issued for the Dallman 4 project and other construction permits that are not yet addressed by the CAAPP permit. Changes to these T1 conditions or to T1 conditions already in the current CAAPP permit are not planned as part of the revision of the CAAPP permit.

The facility is located in a potential Environmental Justice area. More information concerning Environmental Justice may be found at http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice/index