

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice Draft Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit Powerton Station

The Illinois EPA is planning to issue revisions to the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for the Powerton Station, located at 13082 E. Manito Road, in Pekin. The facility is a coal-fired power plant owned by Midwest Generation, LLC. Revisions to the permit are planned under procedures for a reopening proceeding specified at Section 39.5(15)(c) of the Environmental Protection Act. These revisions, if issued as planned, would address additional air pollution control requirements that are applicable to the facility to bring the permit up-to-date. In addition, other revisions to the permit are planned that would qualify as significant modifications to the permit. For instance, the permit would be revised to fully approve the Compliance Assurance Monitoring Plan for the emissions of particulate matter from the four coal-fired boilers (two on Unit 5 and two on Unit 6 vented through a common stack). In this regard, the emissions testing that was required by the conditional approval of this plan has been completed. Other 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 other refinements now being requested by the source.

Based on its review, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that these revisions would meet the applicable standards for issuance and has prepared a comprehensive draft CAAPP permit reflecting all permit revisions for public review. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the revisions which must be postmarked by midnight on September 24, 2016. If sufficient interest is expressed in the draft CAAPP permit, a hearing or other informational meeting may be held. Requests for information should be directed to Jillian Hawkins, Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. East, PO Box 19506, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9506, phone 217/524-0922, TDD phone 217/782-9143, jillian.hawkins@illinois.gov.

A repository of documents for these permitting actions is available at the Pekin Public Library, 301 S. Fourth Street in Pekin, and at the Illinois EPA's office, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East in Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the draft CAAPP permit and its statement of basis may also be available on the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/general-notices/index> and upon request.

The CAAPP is Illinois' operating permit program for major sources of emissions, as required by Title V of the Clean Air Act (CAA). In addition to implementing Title V of the CAA, CAAPP permits may also contain Title I Conditions, (i.e., conditions established under the pre-construction permit program for new and modified emission units, pursuant to Title I of the Act) that have been established brand new denoted as T1N or that have been revised denoted as T1R. The draft CAAPP permit would not contain any T1N or T1R conditions.