

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing
Concerning the Proposed Revision of the Construction Permit for
Marquis Energy, LLC in Hennepin

Marquis Energy, LLC has applied to the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for a construction permit to expand its ethanol plant located at 11953 ESK Road in Hennepin. The proposed expansion would have a production capacity of 140 million gallons of ethanol per year and would generally be designed as a stand-alone plant with its own storage, processing and loadout equipment. Certain existing tanks and loadout operations would see increased utilization.

The project would not be a major new source or modification for purposes of the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 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 Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on May 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Putnam County High School Auditorium, 402 E. Silverspoon Avenue in Granville. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the application. 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 April 29, 2011. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dean Studer - Hearing Officer, Mail Code #5, Re: Marquis Energy, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/558-8280.

Written comments must be sent to the Hearing Officer and be postmarked by midnight, June 1, 2011, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

Persons wanting more information may obtain copies of the draft permit and project summary at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html> These documents and the application can also be viewed at the Putnam County Library, 130 North 4th Street in Hennepin or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 700 E. Norris Drive, Rm. 339 in Ottawa, 815/433-7124 and 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for either Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:
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