

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

**Notice of Public Comment Period and Hearing
Significant Modification of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit
Ameren Energy Generating Company's Coffeen Energy Center**

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air plans to issue a Significant Modification of the Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit for Ameren Energy Generating Company's Coffeen Energy Center (Coffeen). Ameren Energy Generating Company is located at 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63101. Coffeen Energy Center is a coal-fired electric power plant located at 134 CIPS Lane near the Village of Coffeen in Montgomery County. This permit would be issued in conjunction with resolution of Ameren's appeal of the CAAPP permit initially issued for this plant.

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air issued the Initial CAAPP permit for the Coffeen plant on September 29, 2005. On November 3, 2005, Ameren petitioned the Pollution Control Board for review of the permit. Ameren also requested that the permit be stayed. On February 16, 2006, the Board stayed the permit in its entirety pending resolution of the appeal proceeding. As part of a process to resolve the appeal and provide for the effectiveness of the Initial CAAPP permit, the Illinois EPA plans to issue separate revisions to the CAAPP permit addressing the contested conditions of the appeal. By this permitting action, and consistent with extensive consultations with both the United States EPA and Ameren, the Illinois EPA would revise certain terms and conditions using the procedures for a significant modification of a CAAPP permit.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on November 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the East Fork Township building, 500 S. Prospect St in Coffeen. 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" Significant Modification of the 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 November 1, 2012. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dean Studer - Hearing Officer, Re: Ameren - Coffeen, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/558-8280.

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comments on the "draft" Significant Modification of the CAAPP permit during the comment period. The comment period will remain open from Tuesday, September 25, 2012, through Monday, December 17, 2012. **Written comments must be postmarked no later than midnight Monday, December 17, 2012 unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer.**

Copies of the revised CAAPP permit that the Illinois EPA is planning to issue, the accompanying Statement of Basis and other documents, may be viewed at a public repository located at the Coffeen Community Library, 201 West Main Street in Coffeen and the Illinois EPA's offices at 1340 N. Ninth St., Springfield, 217/782-7027 (for the Illinois EPA location please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). The "draft" Significant Modification of the

CAAPP permit and Statement of Basis may also be viewed on the internet at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/>.

For information or requests about the draft permit, please contact Brad Frost, Community Relations, Illinois EPA, at 217/782-2113 or 217/782-9143 TDD or brad.frost@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. This significant modification would not change the amount or character of emissions from the source. 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. This permit does not contain any newly established Title I (T1/T1N) conditions that had not already been established in previously issued permits. The permit does not contain any revised Title I (T1R) conditions. Based on its review, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review.