NPDES Permit No. IL0073270 Notice No. JMC:11121201 IL0073270 Gavilon Fertilizers

Public Notice Beginning Date: February 10, 2012

Public Notice Ending Date: March 12, 2012

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permit Program

Draft Reissued NPDES Permit to Discharge into Waters of the State

Public Notice/Fact Sheet Issued By:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Division of Water Pollution Control
Permit Section
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
217/782-0610

Name and Address of Discharger:

Name and Address of Facility:

Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC. 3860 North Main, Suite A Peoria, Illinois 61611 Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC. 1139 Wesley Road North Pekin, Illinois 61554 (Tazewell County)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has made a tentative determination to issue a NPDES permit to discharge into the waters of the state and has prepared a draft permit and associated fact sheet for the above named discharger. The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice/Fact Sheet. The last day comments will be received will be on the Public Notice period ending date unless a commentor demonstrating the need for additional time requests an extension to this comment period and the request is granted by the IEPA. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft permit to the IEPA at the above address. Commentors shall provide his or her name and address and the nature of the issues proposed to be raised and the evidence proposed to be presented with regards to those issues. Commentors may include a request for public hearing. Persons submitting comments and/or requests for public hearing shall also send a copy of such comments or requests to the permit applicant. The NPDES permit and notice number(s) must appear on each comment page.

The application, engineer's review notes including load limit calculations, Public Notice/Fact Sheet, draft permit, comments received, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the IEPA between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when scheduled by the interested person.

If written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in the draft permit, the permitting authority may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 45 days before any public hearing. Response to comments will be provided when the final permit is issued. For further information, please call Jamie Cowles at 217/782-0610.

The applicant is engaged in storing, blending, and distributing bulk farm fertilizer (SIC 2875). Plant operation results in an average discharge of 0.0296 MGD of non-contact cooling water from outfall 001.

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Application is made for existing discharge(s) which is located in Tazewell County, Illinois. The following information identifies the discharge point, receiving stream and stream classifications:

						Stream	Biological Stream
Outfall	Receiving Stream	Latitude		Longitude		Classification	Characterization
001	Illinois River	40° 37' 54"	North	89° 37' 21"	West	General Use	Not Rated

To assist you further in identifying the location of the discharge please see the attached map.

The stream segment (D-05) receiving the discharge from outfall(s) 001 is on the draft 2010 303(d) list of impaired waters and is not a biologically significant stream on the 2008 Illinois Department of Natural Resources Publication – *Integrating Multiple Taxa in a Biological Stream Rating System.*

Potential Cause	Designated Use		
Fecal Coliform	Primary Contact Recreation		
PCB's and Mercury	Fish Consumption		

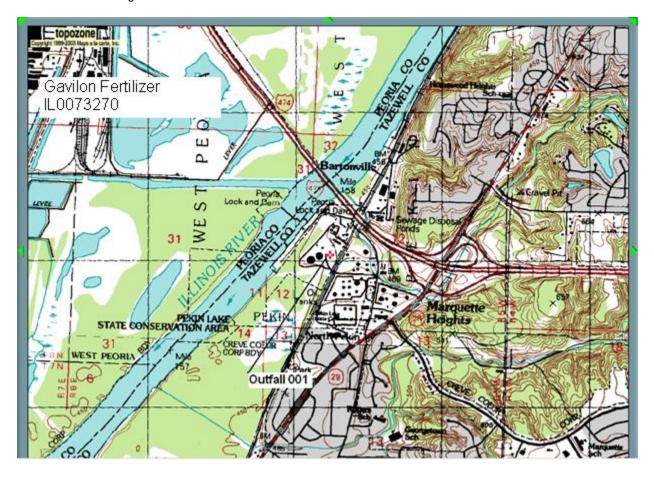
The discharge(s) from the facility shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

Outfall: 001

	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)			CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/l		
PARAMETER	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	REGULATION	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	REGULATION
Flow (MGD)						
рН				6 – 9 Standard Units		35 IAC 304.125
Temperature						35 IAC 302.211
Ammonia				Monitor Only		

The following explain the conditions of the proposed permit:

Includes clarification of flow, the monitoring location, pH, and temperature.



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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

Reissued (NPDES) Permit

Expiration Date: Issue Date: Effective Date:

Facility Name and Address:

Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC.
3860 North Main, Suite A

Name and Address of Permittee:

East Peoria, Illinois 61611 Creve Coeur, Illinois 61610

(Tazewell County)

1139 Wesley Road

Gavilon Fertilizer, LLC.

Discharge Number and Name: Receiving Waters:

001 Non-Contact Cooling Water Illinois River

In compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, Title 35 of Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C and/or Subtitle D, Chapter 1, and the Clean Water Act (CWA), the above-named permittee is hereby authorized to discharge at the above location to the above-named receiving stream in accordance with the standard conditions and attachments herein.

Permittee is not authorized to discharge after the above expiration date. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the expiration date, the permittee shall submit the proper application as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) not later than 180 days prior to the expiration date.

Alan Keller, P.E. Manager, Permit Section Division of Water Pollution Control

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Effluent Limitations and Monitoring

1. From the modification date of this permit until the expiration date, the effluent of the following discharge(s) shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)		CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/l			
PARAMETER	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Outfall 001 - Non-Contac (Average Flow = 0.0296						
Flow (MGD)*					Measure When Monitoring	
pH**					1/Month	Grab
Temperature***					1/Month	Grab
Ammonia****			Monitor Only		1/Month	Grab

^{* -} See Special Condition 1.

** - See Special Condition 2.

*** - See Special Condition 3.

**** - See Special Condition 8.

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Special Conditions

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 1</u>. Flow shall be measured in units of Million Gallons per Day (MGD) and reported as a monthly average and a daily maximum on the monthly Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 2</u>. The pH shall be in the range 6.0 to 9.0. The monthly minimum and monthly maximum values shall be reported on the DMR form.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 3</u>. This facility meets the allowed mixing criteria for thermal discharges pursuant to 35 IAC 302.102. No reasonable potential exists for the discharge to exceed thermal water quality standards. This determination is based a design average flow of 0.030 MGD and a temperature average of 60°F. The permittee shall monitor the flow and temperature of the discharge prior to entry into the receiving water body. Monitoring results shall be reported on the monthly Discharge Monitoring Report. This permit may be modified to include formal temperature limitations should the results of the monitoring show that there is reasonable potential to exceed a thermal water quality standard. Modification of this permit shall follow public notice and opportunity for comment.

There shall be no abnormal temperature changes that may adversely affect aquatic life unless caused by natural conditions. The normal daily and seasonal temperature fluctuations which existed before the addition of heat due to other than natural causes shall be maintained.

The monthly maximum value shall be reported on the DMR form.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 4</u>. The Permittee shall record monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Forms using one such form for each outfall each month.

In the event that an outfall does not discharge during a monthly reporting period, the DMR Form shall be submitted with no discharge indicated.

The Permittee may choose to submit electronic DMRs (eDMRs) instead of mailing paper DMRs to the IEPA. More information, including registration information for the eDMR program, can be obtained on the IEPA website, http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/edmr/index.html.

The completed Discharge Monitoring Report forms shall be submitted to IEPA no later than the 15th day of the following month, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.

Permittees not using eDMRs shall mail Discharge Monitoring Reports with an original signature to the IEPA at the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Water Pollution Control 1021 North Grand Avenue East Post Office Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

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<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 5</u>. Samples taken in compliance with the effluent monitoring requirements shall be taken at a point representative of the discharge, but prior to entry into the receiving stream.

SPECIAL CONDITION 6. If an applicable effluent standard or limitation is promulgated under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act and that effluent standard or limitation is more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit or controls a pollutant not limited in the NPDES Permit, the Agency shall revise or modify the permit in accordance with the more stringent standard or prohibition and shall so notify the permittee.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 7</u>. For the purpose of this permit, the discharge is limited to non-contact cooling water, free from process and other wastewater discharges. In the event that the permittee shall require the use of water treatment additives, the permittee must request a change in this permit in accordance with the Standard conditions - Attachment H.