

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Notice of Public Hearing for NPDES Permit Nos. IL0002216 and
IL0064254 (Joliet Generating Station 9 and 29, respectively)

Midwest Generation L.L.C.—Joliet 9 and 29 Generating Stations

Public Hearing

February 27, 2013 6:30 p.m.

**Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center
Joliet Jr. College
17840 Laraway Road
Joliet, IL 60433**

The IEPA Bureau of Water has prepared draft re-issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the Joliet 9 and Joliet 29 Generating Stations for Midwest Generation L.L.C., 235 Remington Boulevard, Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440.

This hearing will be conducted in accordance with 35 Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) Sections 309.115 through 309.119 which can be obtained from the Illinois Pollution Control Board online at: <http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-33358> and will be held under the provisions of 35 IAC Part 166, *Procedures for Permit and Closure Plan Hearings*, which can be obtained online at:
<http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-11865>

Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the IEPA hearing officer by February 6, 2013. The hearing officer may be contacted by mail or phone as indicated below or by e-mail at dean.studer@illinois.gov.

The IEPA has made a tentative determination to re-issue these NPDES permits for discharge into waters of the state in accordance with 35 IAC Subtitle C (*Water Pollution*), the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the federal Clean Water Act.

Joliet 9 Generating Station – NPDES Permit Number IL0002216

The facility is located at 1601 South Patterson Road in Joliet (Will County) with an average discharge of 315.52 million gallons per day (MGD) of condenser cooling water and house service water through outfall 001 into the Des Plaines River. Other permitted discharges in the permit are described in the fact sheet and draft permit available on the IEPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/2012/midwest-generation-joliet-9/index.pdf>.

Joliet 29 Generating Station – NPDES Permit Number IL0064254

The facility is located at 1800 Channahon Road in Joliet (Will County) with an average discharge of 1073 MGD of condenser cooling water and house service water through outfall 001 into the Des Plaines River. Other permitted discharges in the permit are described in the fact sheet and draft permit available on the IEPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/2012/midwest-generation-joliet-29/index.pdf>.

Inquiries about these two draft permits should be directed to Jaime Rabins, Permit Engineer, Industrial Unit, IEPA Division of Water Pollution Control Permit Section, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, phone 217-782-0610, or e-mail jaime.rabins@illinois.gov.

The IEPA welcomes substantive written comments. Written comments must be postmarked **or** e-mailed (e-mails must specify **Midwest Generation Joliet NPDES Permits** in subject line and must be sent to the e-mail address given below) **by midnight, March 29, 2013**, when the hearing record closes. Comments sent by e-mail must be sent to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov. E-mail comments originating on third party systems or servers intended for submittal of multiple emails of the same or nearly the same content, will not be accepted without prior approval from the hearing officer. The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to:

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Inquiries regarding the hearing, but not comments on the permit, should be directed to the hearing officer at 217-558-8280 or dean.studer@illinois.gov.