

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Notice of Water Discharge Permit Public Hearing
NPDES Permit **IL0080004**

Illinois Sand Company, LLC
Illinois Sand Company Mine

Public Hearing
Monday, October 7, 2013
NPDES Hearing at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Starved Rock State Park/Lodge
Starved Rock Room
Rt. 178 & 71,
Utica, Illinois 61373

The IEPA Bureau of Water has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Illinois Sand Company, LLC, 1601 Rockwell Rd., LaSalle, IL 61301.

Illinois EPA is holding this hearing for the purpose of taking comments on the draft permit prior to taking final action on the permit application. Issues relevant to this proceeding include the antidegradation analysis and the applicant's compliance with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and Subtitle C and 35 Illinois Adm. Code. Because Illinois is mandated by state law to issue a permit if the applicant meets the requirements for obtaining a permit, those recommending denial of the permit application should be prepared to state the regulation that is the basis for their recommendation.

The applicant proposes a new surface sand mine and will be engaged in excavation, extraction and processing of industrial sand (SIC 1446). Wastewater is generated from pit pumpage, process water and stormwater runoff. Plant operations result in an average discharge of 0.144 MGD of groundwater seepage, process water and stormwater runoff from outfall 001 to an unnamed tributary of the Illinois River.

The NPDES permit and the public notice/fact sheet were public noticed on July 3, 2013. Documents for this proceeding can be viewed on the IEPA website: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice/2013/illinois-sand-company-mine/index.pdf>

The draft permit, public notice/fact sheet, the regulations governing the conduct of the hearing and other documents can be reviewed and copied at the Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois; 217-782-0610. Please call ahead for an appointment.

Inquiries about the draft permit IL0080004 should be directed to Darren Gove, Permit Section, IEPA, 1021 N Grand Ave East, P.O.Box 19276., Springfield IL, 62794-9276, 217-782-3362, or e-mail darren.gove@Illinois.gov.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of 35 Illinois Administrative Code 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>.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with provisions of Sections 309.115 through 309.119. These documents can be obtained online at <http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-33358>

Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the IEPA hearing officer by **September 16, 2013**.

The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. **Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by midnight, November 6, 2013, when the hearing record closes** (e-mails with written comments **must be** sent to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov and should specify Illinois Sand Mine NPDES or IL0080004 in the subject line). Email 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 IEPA welcomes substantive written comments. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to:

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All other comments not pertaining to this permit can be emailed to the hearing officer at dean.studer@illinois.gov.