

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period and Hearing Proposed Issuance of a Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit U.S. Silica in Ottawa

U.S. Silica has requested a Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to regulate air emissions from its sand mine located at 701 Boyce Memorial Drive in Ottawa. Based on its review of the application, 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. The Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period and a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed issuance of the permit prior to making final decisions on the application.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Central Intermediate School, 711 East McKinley Road in Ottawa. 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 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 September 15, 2014. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dean Studer - Hearing Officer, Re: U.S. Silica, 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 CAAPP permit during the comment period. **Written comments must be postmarked no later than midnight October 30, 2014 unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer.**

Copies of the draft CAAPP permit, the accompanying Statement of Basis and other documents, may be viewed at a public repository located at the Reddick Public Library, 1010 Canal Street in Ottawa and the Illinois EPA's offices at 4302 North Main Street in Rockford, 815/987-7760 and 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 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. 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. The permit contains T1 conditions in sections 3.3, 4.1.2, 4.1.4, 4.2.2 and 4.3.2 that were established in

previously issued permits. The permit contains no T1 conditions that are being newly established or revised by this application.