

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing
Proposed Construction Permit
Winnebago Landfill near Rockford

Winnebago Reclamation Services has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) for a construction permit for the West Expansion Unit at the Winnebago Landfill. The site is located at 8403 Lindenwood Road in Rockford. The proposed permit is for a new waste disposal area and associated gas collection and control system.

The Winnebago Landfill is a municipal solid waste landfill. The proposed West Expansion Unit is designed to have a capacity of approximately 8.3 million cubic yards. To control emissions from the new expansion unit, the project includes a landfill gas (LFG) collection and control system. This system will include both temporary and permanent collectors and piping to connect the collected LFG and a new flare adjacent to the disposal area. A sulfur removal system for the landfill gas will also be installed.

The plant is not considered a major new source or modification for emissions under the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), 40 CFR 52.21. Based on review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application for the proposed project meets applicable requirements. The Illinois EPA has prepared a draft construction permit for public review and comment.

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7 pm at the New Milford Fire Department, 2177 Will James Road. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public prior to making a final decision concerning the application. 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 January 5, 2015. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Dean Studer, Hearing Officer, Re: Winnebago Landfill, 1021 N. Grand Ave. E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/558-8280.

Written comments must be sent to the Hearing Officer and postmarked by midnight, February 19, 2015, unless otherwise specified by the Hearing Officer. Written comments need not be notarized.

The repositories for the draft permit, project summary and application are at 4302 North Main Street in Rockford, 815/987-7760 and 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). The draft permit and project summary may also be available at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5oair/permits/ilonline.html>. Copies of the documents may also be obtained upon request to the contact listed above.

For information or requests about the application or draft permit, please contact:
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