

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period Proposed Operating Permit for Coal Combustion Impoundment Midwest Generation LLC - Joliet 9 Generating Station

Midwest Generation, LLC located at 1800 Channahon Road, Joliet, Illinois, 60436 has submitted a permit application to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Bureau of Water to operate a Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) surface impoundment for their Joliet 9 Generating Station located at 1601 South Patterson Road in Joliet. This facility operates a CCR surface impoundment, the Lincoln Stone Quarry, which is subject to the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 845, Standards for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals in Surface Impoundments. The Illinois EPA has made a tentative determination to issue a permit specifying the conditions that must be followed to operate a CCR surface impoundment pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 845 and has prepared a draft permit for public review. Prior to making a final decision in this matter, the Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing and public comment period to provide an opportunity for the public to understand and comment on the draft permit.

The Illinois EPA will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. CST at the Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center located at 17840 W Laraway Road, in Joliet, Illinois** to receive public comments regarding the draft permit and permit application. The public hearing will be held pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 845.260: Draft Permit Public Notice and Participation.

Questions regarding hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer by email at epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov, by calling (217) 785-8724, or by calling (866) 273-5488 (TDD phone number). Requests for language interpretation or sign language must be made by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, to the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer by email at epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov or by calling (217) 785-8724.

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comments on the draft permit until 11:59 p.m. CST on August 15, 2024. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer by email at epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to the Illinois EPA, attention Jeff Guy, Hearing Officer, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Please reference 'Joliet 9 Generating Station' in your written submission. 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 Illinois EPA Hearing Officer.

A repository of documents for these permitting actions is available at the Joliet Public Library located 150 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432 and the Illinois EPA office located at 1021 North Grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62974-9276. The draft permit, fact sheet, public notice,

and other documents are available on the Illinois EPA CCR Surface Impoundments Public Notices webpage at <https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/ccr-public-notices.html>. For information regarding the draft permit, please contact Sabrina Bailey, Illinois EPA Office of Community Relations, by phone (312) 832-2162 or email at sabrina.bailey@illinois.gov.

You can join the listserv for this facility by visiting the Illinois EPA CCR Surface Impoundments webpage at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/ccr-surface-impoundments.html>. By signing up for the listserv, you will receive updates and information on selected CCR facilities.