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December 9, 2024

Re: American Standard Circuits Inc (Illinois EPA BOA ID# 043090ADI)

Lifetime Operating Permit Application (01110001)

To Distribution List:

This Environmental Justice notification letter is to inform you that American Standard Circuits Inc located in Chicago at 571 Wheeling Road is applying for a Lifetime Operating Permit to increase production and emissions to exceed 5 tons per year. This facility manufactures printed circuit boards and panels. It currently operates under the ROSS (Registration of Smaller Sources) program since 2012. The Illinois EPA (IEPA) Bureau of Air (BOA) is reviewing the application. The Office of Environmental Justice welcomes your feedback.

If you would like additional information regarding this project, such as the permit application, please submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request via the IEPA's online portal. Direct links to information and resources regarding FOIA requests, how to sign up for EJ notification letters, contact information, and more, are available on the following pages.

If you would like to sign up to receive notifications by email, please visit the IEPA's Environmental Justice webpage, https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice.html.

For any other questions, please contact Chris Pressnall, Manager of the Office of Environmental Justice, at (217) 524-1284 or <a href="mailto:EPA.OEJ@Illinois.gov">EPA.OEJ@Illinois.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Chris Pressnall, Manager

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## Additional Information and Resources

## **Notices**

#### EJ Notification Letter

EJ notification letters provide information about permit applications received by Illinois EPA (IEPA) in areas of EJ concern as determined by Illinois EPA <u>EJ Start</u> screening tool. EJ notification letters are sent as part of Illinois EPA's enhanced public participation process.

- To receive EJ notification letters by email, please sign up <a href="here">here</a>, under the Environmental Justice Notification Letter Sign-Up heading.
- > To learn more about the IEPA's Notification Letter Process, visit EJ Notification Process (illinois.gov).

#### **Public Notices**

A public notice is a notice required by law or regulation that alerts the public to a proposed Agency action and provides instructions for submitting written comments. The Agency may hold a hearing to accept oral comments based on public interest. Hearing information may be included in the public notice or a separate hearing notice.

IEPA's Public Notices webpage includes draft permits and associated information, as well as proposed agency-wide actions such as rulemaking notices.

A Bureau's public notice on a permit application will outline:

- Type of permit application received
- Applicant information
- Start and stop dates of public comment period
- Instructions on submitting public comments
- Information on public hearings (if one being held)
- Agency contact information
- Draft permit and associated materials such as project summary will be posted on the same webpage as the public notice

- General IEPA public notices will outline:
  - Proposed action(s) or plan(s) of the agency
  - Start and stop dates of the public comment period
  - Instructions on submitting public comments
  - Agency contact information

To access more information on IEPA's Public Notices, visit <u>Public Notices (illinois.gov)</u>.

# **Accessing Records**

#### Illinois EPA Document Explorer

To provide transparency and easier public access to Agency documents, certain Agency documents can be accessed through IEPA's Document Explorer.

Documents include:

- Air construction and operating permits
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) water discharge permits.
- Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) technical documents
- Site Remediation Program (SRP) technical documents
- State Response Action technical documents
- Final Compliance Commitment Agreements since January 1, 2014

To access Illinois EPA's Document Explorer, visit Home Page - IEPA Document Explorer (illinois.gov).

## Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA)

If the information you are seeking, such as an active permit application, is not available on Document Explorer you may access information by submitting a Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA). While requests may be made in various ways (online form, fax, the U.S. mail, or special carrier), using the online FOIA web form will usually result in getting the information the fastest. IEPA has five (5) workdays to respond unless an extension of an additional five (5) days is needed to gather the information.

- For more information on how to submit a FOIA request, visit <u>Freedom of Information Act (illinois.gov)</u>.
- To access the IEPA FOIA Web Form, visit <u>IEPA FOIA Web Form</u>.
- Records Phone Number: (217) 558-5101

## **EJ Mapping Tools**

### **EJ Start**

The IEPA mapping tool, EJ Start, designates areas of environmental justice (EJ) concern. EJ Start informs IEPA's enhanced public outreach (for example, EJ notification letters). It is also used to incorporate EJ into other Agency activities and programs. The criteria used to designate EJ areas are census block groups and areas within one mile of census block groups that are greater than or equal to the statewide average for low-income and/or minority populations. EJ Start is publicly available and searchable by address, city, and zip code.

To access IEPA's EJ Start, visit <a href="https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/aa364c77db684dfa92afa5094b69f6ff">https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/aa364c77db684dfa92afa5094b69f6ff</a>.

#### U.S. EPA's EJScreen

The U.S. EPA EJScreen mapping tool combines 13 environmental and 7 socioeconomic indicators and displays this information in a nationally consistent public dataset. The IEPA uses this tool to inform its enhanced public outreach (for example, screening for language access needs). It is also used to incorporate EJ into other Agency activities and programs. EJScreen is publicly available and searchable by address.

To access U.S. EPA's EJ Screen, visit EJScreen (epa.gov).

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