

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Comment Period
Proposed Issuance of a Construction Permit
Elgin Energy Center, LLC in Elgin

Elgin Energy Center, LLC has applied to the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for a construction permit for the addition of oil-burning capability to its existing peaking power plant located at 1559 Gifford Road in Elgin. This will enable the facility to provide electricity at times when the supply of natural gas for the facility is restricted or curtailed. The project is not considered major for purposes of the federal rules for Prevention of Significant Deterioration, 40 CFR 52.21. This project is also not a major project under Illinois' rules for Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification (MSSCAM), 35 IAC Part 203.

Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that this project will comply with the applicable air pollution control regulations and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments prior to making a final decision on this application. Comments must be postmarked by midnight October 12, 2016. If sufficient interest is expressed in this matter, a hearing or other informational meeting may be held. Comments, questions and requests for information should be directed to Jillian Hawkins, Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA PO Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/524-0922, TDD 217/782-9143, jillian.hawkins@illinois.gov.

The repositories for these documents and the application are located at the Illinois EPA's offices at 9511 Harrison Street in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1021 N. Grand Ave. East in 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 viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/region-5-electronic-permits>. Copies of the documents will be made available upon request to the contact listed above.

The facility is located near a potential Environmental Justice area. More information concerning Environmental Justice may be found at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/environmental-justice>