

Public Notice of an Air Pollution Permit Application Review

Facility Description.

Wpl - Columbia Energy Center, located at W8375 Murray Road , Pardeeville, Columbia County, Wisconsin, FID 111003090, submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a permit application, including plans and specifications for modification of two utility coal fire boilers. The coal pulverizers of each boiler will be replaced, and the steam turbine for each boiler will be upgraded. Air pollution construction permit no. 14-POY-174.

Application Review.

DNR has made a preliminary determination that the application meets state and federal air pollution control requirements and that the permit should be approved. You can review the permit application, the DNR's analysis and draft permit prepared by the DNR at the Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Air Management Headquarters, Seventh Floor, 101 South Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703; South Central Region Air Program, Reedsburg Area Office, ,PO Box 281, Reedsburg, WI 53959, tel. (608) 768-5693; and at the Portage Public Library 253 West Edgewater St., Portage, WI 53901, or contact Paul O. Yeung at (608) 266-0672 or by e-mail at paul.yeung@wisconsin.gov. This information is also available for downloading from the Internet at http://dnr.wi.gov/cias/am/amexternal/AM_PermitTrackingSearch.aspx.

The project is subject to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulations for carbon monoxide (CO) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and is subject to Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for these pollutants. There is no ambient air increment for CO and GHG.

The department has made the determination under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, that this type of proposal normally does not have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental or secondary effects. This is a preliminary determination and does not constitute a final approval from the Air Management Program or any other DNR sections which may also require a review of the project.

Public Comments.

Interested persons wishing to submit written comments on the application or DNR's review of it or wishing to request a public hearing should do so within 30 days of publication of this notice. Posting and Public Comment Deadline dates can also be found on "Air permit public notices" web page located at http://dnr.wi.gov/cias/am/amexternal/public_notices.aspx. Comments or request for hearing should be sent to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Air Management, 101 S. Webster Street Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Attn.: Paul O. Yeung.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to ss. 285.13(1),and 285.61(7), Wis. Stats., DNR will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the air pollution control construction permit application submitted by WPL – Columbia Energy Center.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearing will be held:

On Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 2:30 pm
City of Portage Municipal Building
Lower Level
115 West Pleasant Street
Portage, WI 53901

All comments received by the DNR at the public hearing will be considered prior to making a final decision regarding the proposed project. After the public hearing, a final decision will be made on whether to issue or deny the air pollution control construction permit. If you would like a copy of the final determination, contact Mr. Paul

O. Yeung of DNR, Bureau of Air Management, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707, or by telephone at (608) 266-0672.

Information on the public commenting and hearing process is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirPermits/Process.html>.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary

By /s/ Kristin Hart, for
Bart A. Sponseller, Director
Bureau of Air Management