

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Notice of Public Hearing

Marquis Energy, LLC

Public Hearing

Wednesday April 30, 2008 6 p.m.

**Hennepin Park District Community Room
326 S. Milan (intersection with South 6th)
Hennepin, Illinois**

The IEPA Bureau of Water has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Marquis Energy, LLC. The address of the discharger and the facility location is in Putnam County, 11953 Esk Road, Hennepin, Illinois 61327.

Marquis is a new ethanol plant designed to produce 110 million gallons of ethanol annually. The facility has applied for an NPDES permit for an average water discharge of 360,000 gallons per day. This will be a dry mill plant and will therefore have no process wastewater. Wastewaters to be discharged include cooling tower blowdown, reverse osmosis reject water, multimedia filter backwash and water softener regeneration water. There will also be a one time discharge of 200,000 gallons of cooling tower passivation water prior to commencing operations. The Illinois River will receive the discharge.

The Illinois River (segment D-16) is classified for general use water. Segment D-16 is listed on the *2006 Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List* as impaired for fish consumption and primary contact uses. The listed causes of impairment are mercury, PCBs and fecal coliform bacteria. The sources of impairment are unknown.

The IEPA has made a tentative determination to issue this five-year NPDES permit for discharge into waters of the state in accordance with 35 Illinois Administrative Code Subtitle C (*Water Pollution*), the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the federal Clean Water Act.

The public notice/fact sheet which contains the draft antidegradation assessment and the draft NPDES permit can be viewed on the IEPA website:

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice/2007/marquis-energy/index.pdf>

Inquiries about permit number IL0078450 should be directed to Permit Engineer Jaime Rabins, IEPA Bureau of Water Permit Section, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, phone 217-782-0610, or e-mail Jaime.Rabins@Illinois.gov.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of 35 Illinois Administrative Code 166, *Procedures for Permit and Closure Plan Hearings*, which can be obtained online at <http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-11865>. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the IEPA hearing officer by **March 31, 2008**. Testimony at the hearing is limited to the draft NPDES permit.

The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. **Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by midnight, May 30, 2008, when the hearing record closes** (e-mails should specify IEPA hearing in subject line). The IEPA welcomes substantive written comments. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to:

Hearing Officer Scott Ristau #15
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P. O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276
Phone 217-782-3362
E-mail Scott.Ristau@Illinois.gov

TDD (hearing impaired) 217-782-9143

The Marquis hearing was originally set for March 13, 2008 and now is rescheduled for April 30, 2008.