Notice of Public Comment Period

Renewal of the Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit

Facility Information
Bayer Midwest Production Co., LLC
450 East Adams
Waterman, Illinois 60556

Comment Period Begin Date
November 9, 2026

Comment Period End Date
December 9, 2026

Available Documents
https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/boa-notices.html

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Bayer Midwest Production Co., LLC applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to renew the federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating air emissions from its facility located at 450 East Adams in Waterman. The facility is a corn seed and soybean processing plant. Based on its review of the application, the Illinois EPA has made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written public comments on the draft permit. After consideration of any comments received, the Illinois EPA will make a final decision on the permit.

Public Comment Period

Written comments must be received by 11:59 PM on December 9, 2026. If a significant degree of public interest is expressed in the draft permit, a public hearing or other information meeting may be held.

Written comments should be submitted to:

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Additional guidance on submitting a comment is available at:
https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/community-relations/public-notices/public-comment.html

Copies of the draft permit and other documents are available by visiting https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/boa-notices.html. Draft permit documents are also available for inspection at the Illinois EPA's offices at 4302 North Main Street in Rockford, (815) 987-7760 and 2520 W. Iles Ave. in Springfield, (217) 786-0790 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the documents will be made available upon request.

The 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act require potentially major sources of air emissions to obtain federally enforceable operating permits. A FESOP permit allows a source that is potentially major to take operational limits in the permit so that it is a non-major source. The permit will contain federally enforceable limitations that restrict the facility's emissions to non-major levels. The permit will be enforceable by the U.S. EPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.

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