

NPDES Permit No. IL0075108
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National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permit Program

Draft Reissued NPDES Permit to Discharge into Waters of the State

Public Notice/Fact Sheet Issued By:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Division of Water Pollution Control
Permit Section
2520 West Iles Avenue
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
(217)-782-0610

Name and Address of Discharger:

Calumet Energy Facility
11653 S. Torrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60617

Name and Address of Facility:

Calumet Energy LLC
11653 S. Torrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60617
(Cook County)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has made a tentative determination to issue a NPDES permit to discharge into the waters of the state and has prepared a draft permit and associated fact sheet for the above named discharger. The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice/Fact Sheet. The last day comments will be received will be on the Public Notice period ending date unless a commentor demonstrating the need for additional time requests an extension to this comment period and the request is granted by the IEPA. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft permit to the IEPA at the above address. Commentors shall provide his or her name and address and the nature of the issues proposed to be raised and the evidence proposed to be presented with regards to those issues. Commentors may include a request for public hearing. Persons submitting comments and/or requests for public hearing shall also send a copy of such comments or requests to the permit applicant. The NPDES permit and notice number(s) must appear on each comment page.

The application, engineer's review notes including load limit calculations, Public Notice/Fact Sheet, draft permit, comments received, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the IEPA between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when scheduled by the interested person.

If written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in the draft permit, the permitting authority may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 45 days before any public hearing. Response to comments will be provided when the final permit is issued. For further information, please call Yolanda D. Odom at (217)-782-0610.

The applicant is engaged in the generation of electricity using natural gas fired combustion turbines (SIC 4911). Wastewater is generated periodically discharging evaporative coolers water to maintain correct water chemistry, condensates and precipitation which collects in stack, diffusers, transformer pits or diesel fire pump building, non-contact cooling and the mechanical seal. Plant operation results in an average discharge from outfall 001 of 0.0007 MGD of evaporative cooler blowdown, bleed water, stack and diffuser drains, floor drains, and stormwater from the transformer pits. Outfall 002 has an average discharge of 0.0006 MGD composed of non-contact cooling water, mechanical seal leak off, and a diesel fire pump building drain.

Application is made for the existing discharge which is located in Cook County, Illinois. The following information identifies the discharge point, receiving stream and stream classifications:

<u>Outfall</u>	<u>Receiving Stream</u>	<u>Latitude</u>		<u>Longitude</u>		<u>Stream Classification</u>	<u>Integrity Rating</u>
001	Storm Sewer Tributary to the Calumet River	41° 41' 01"	North	87° 33' 27"	West	General Use	Not Rated
002	Storm Sewer Tributary to the Calumet River	41° 40' 59"	North	87° 33' 26"	West	General Use	Not Rated

To assist you further in identifying the location of the discharge please see the attached map.

The waterbody segment, HAA-01, receiving the discharge from Outfalls 001 and 002 is on the 2024 303(d) list of impaired waters and is not a biologically significant stream on the 2008 Illinois Department of the Natural Resources Publication *Integrating Multiple Taxa in a Biological Stream Rating System*.

The impaired designated uses and pollutants causing impairment are tabulated below:

Potential Cause:

Mercury and Polychlorinated Biphenyls

Fecal Coliform

Designated Use:

Fish consumption

Primary contact

The discharges from the facility shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

PARAMETER	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day		REGULATION	CONCENTRATION		REGULATION
	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM		30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	
<u>Outfalls 001 and 002:</u>						
Flow (MGD)						
pH				6.0-9.0		35 IAC 304.125
Temperature						35 IAC 302.211
Total Suspended Solids				15	30	35 IAC 304.124
Oil and Grease				15	30	35 IAC 304.124
Total Residual Chlorine					0.05	40 CFR 125.3

The following explain the conditions of the proposed permit:

The special conditions clarify flow measurement and reporting, pH, temperature, monitoring location, total residual chlorine, discharge monitoring report, and water treatment additive usage.



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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

Reissued (NPDES) Permit

Expiration Date:

Issue Date:

Effective Date:

Name and Address of Permittee:

Calumet Energy Facility
11653 S. Torrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60617

Facility Name and Address:

Calumet Energy LLC
11653 S. Torrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60617
(Cook County)

Discharge Number and Name:

001 Evaporative Cooler Blowdown, Stack, Diffuser and Floor
Drains, Bleed Water, and Transformer Pit

Receiving Waters:

Storm Sewer Tributary to the Calumet River

002 Non-Contact Cooling Water, Mechanical Seal Leak off and
Diesel Fire Pump Building Drain

Storm Sewer Tributary to the Calumet River

In compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, Title 35 of Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C and/or Subtitle D, Chapter 1, and the Clean Water Act (CWA), the above-named permittee is hereby authorized to discharge at the above location to the above-named receiving stream in accordance with the standard conditions and attachments herein.

Permittee is not authorized to discharge after the above expiration date. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the expiration date, the permittee shall submit the proper application as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) not later than 180 days prior to the expiration date.

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Manager, Permit Section
Division of Water Pollution Control

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Effluent Limitations and Monitoring

1. From the effective date of this permit until the expiration date, the effluent of the following discharge shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

PARAMETER	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)		CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/l		SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM		
<u>Outfall 001</u> – Evaporative Cooler Blowdown, Stack, Diffuser, Floor Drains, Bleed Water, and Transformer Pit (DAF = 0.0007 MGD)						
Flow (MGD)	See Special Condition 1.				1/Month	Measure
pH	See Special Condition 2.				1/Month	Grab
Temperature	See Special Condition 3.				1/Month	Single Reading
Total Suspended Solids			15	30	1/Month	Grab
Oil and Grease			15	30	1/Month	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	See Special Condition 4.			0.05	1/Month	Grab

Outfall 002 – Non-Contact Cooling Water, Mechanical Seal Leak Off
(DAF = 0.0006 MGD)

Flow (MGD)	See Special Condition 1.				1/Month	Measure
pH	See Special Condition 2.				1/Month	Grab
Temperature	See Special Condition 3.				1/Month	Single Reading
Total Suspended Solids			15	30	1/Month	Grab
Oil and Grease			15	30	1/Month	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	See Special Condition 4.			0.05	1/Month	Grab

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Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 1. Flow shall be measured in units of Million Gallons per Day (MGD) and reported as a monthly average and a daily maximum value on the Discharge Monitoring Report.

SPECIAL CONDITION 2. The pH shall be in the range 6.0 to 9.0. The monthly minimum and monthly maximum values shall be reported on the DMR form.

SPECIAL CONDITION 3. This facility is not allowed any mixing with the receiving stream in order to meet applicable water quality thermal limitations. Therefore, discharge of wastewater from this facility must meet the following thermal limitations prior to discharge into the receiving stream.

- A. The discharge must not exceed the maximum limits in the following table during more than one percent of the hours in the 12 month period ending with any month. Moreover, at no time shall the water temperature of the discharge exceed the maximum limits in the following table by more than 1.7°C (3°F).

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
°F	60	60	60	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	60
°C	16	16	16	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	16

- B. In addition, the discharge shall not cause abnormal temperature changes that may adversely affect aquatic life unless caused by natural conditions.
- C. The discharge shall not cause the maximum temperature rise above natural temperatures to exceed 2.8°C (5°F).
- D. The monthly maximum value shall be reported on the DMR form.

SPECIAL CONDITION 4. All samples for total residual chlorine (TRC) shall be analyzed by an applicable method contained in 40 CFR 136, equivalent in accuracy to low-level amperometric titration. Any analytical variability of the method used shall be considered when determining the accuracy and precision of the results obtained.

SPECIAL CONDITION 5. Samples taken in compliance with the effluent monitoring requirements shall be taken at a point representative of the discharge, but prior to entry into the receiving stream.

SPECIAL CONDITION 6.

The Permittee shall record monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) electronic forms using one such form for each outfall each month.

In the event that an outfall does not discharge during a monthly reporting period, the DMR Form shall be submitted with no discharge indicated.

The Permittee is required to submit electronic DMRs (NetDMRs) instead of mailing paper DMRs to the IEPA unless a waiver has been granted by the Agency. More information, including registration information for the NetDMR program, can be obtained on the IEPA website, <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/surface-water/netdmr.html>.

The completed Discharge Monitoring Report forms shall be submitted to IEPA no later than the 25th day of the following month, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.

Permittees that have been granted a waiver shall mail Discharge Monitoring Reports with an original signature to the IEPA at the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Water Pollution Control
Attention: Compliance Assurance Section, Mail Code # 19
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Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 7. If an applicable effluent standard or limitation is promulgated under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act and that effluent standard or limitation is more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit or controls a pollutant not limited in the NPDES Permit, the Agency shall revise or modify the permit in accordance with the more stringent standard or prohibition and shall so notify the permittee.

SPECIAL CONDITION 8. In the event that the permittee must request a change in the use of water treatment additives, the permittee must request a change in this permit in accordance with Standard Conditions - - Attachment H.

SPECIAL CONDITION 9. The effluent, alone or in combination with other sources, shall not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standard outlined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.

SPECIAL CONDITION 10. The Agency has determined that the effluent limitations in this permit constitute BAT/BCT for storm water which is treated in the existing treatment facilities for purposes of this permit reissuance, and no pollution prevention plan will be required for such storm water. In addition to the chemical specific monitoring required elsewhere in this permit, the permittee shall conduct an annual inspection of the facility site to identify areas contributing to a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity and determine whether any facility modifications have occurred which result in previously-treated storm water discharges no longer receiving treatment. If any such discharges are identified the permittee shall request a modification of this permit within 30 days after the inspection. Records of the annual inspection shall be retained by the permittee for the term of this permit and be made available to the Agency on request.



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