

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Notice of Water Discharge Permit Public Hearing
NPDES Permit IL0080039

Hillsboro Energy, LLC
Deer Run Mine Refuse Disposal Area No. 2

Public Hearing
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
NPDES Permit Hearing at 5 p.m.

Hillsboro High School
522 East Tremont Street
Hillsboro, Illinois

The IEPA Bureau of Water has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Hillsboro Energy, L.L.C. for Deer Run Mine. The address of the discharger is Hillsboro Energy, L.L.C., 925 South Main Street, Hillsboro, IL. 62049. The facility is in Montgomery County, 1 mile southeast of Hillsboro, Illinois.

Illinois EPA is holding this hearing for the purpose of taking comments on the draft permit prior to taking final action on the permit application. Issues relevant to this proceeding include the antidegradation analysis and the applicant's compliance with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and Subtitles C and D, 35 Illinois Adm. Code. Because Illinois is mandated by state law to issue a permit if the applicant meets the requirements for obtaining a permit, those recommending denial of the permit application should be prepared to state the regulation that is the basis of their recommendation. Issues related to the mining operations are not relevant in this proceeding and should be directed to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals.

The applicant proposes a new refuse disposal area associated with the existing underground coal mine (SIC 1222). Mine operations result in the discharge of alkaline mine drainage. Application is made for two (2) new discharges which are located in Montgomery County, Illinois.

The following information identifies the discharge points, receiving streams and stream classifications:

<u>Outfall</u>	<u>Receiving Stream</u>	<u>Latitude (North)</u>	<u>Longitude (West)</u>
008	Unnamed Tributary to Shoal Creek. Watershed structure No. 5 tributary to Middle Fork Shoal Creek	39° 08' 19"	89° 27' 56"
009	Unnamed Tributary to Shoal Creek. Watershed Structure No. 5 tributary to Middle Fork Shoal Creek	39° 08' 47"	89° 27' 60"

The draft NPDES permit and the public notice/fact sheet were public noticed on December 31, 2013. The antidegradation assessment, which was part of the public notice, and other documents for this proceeding can be viewed on the IEPA website: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/2013/hillsboro-energy-deer-run/>

The draft permit, public notice/fact sheet, the regulations governing the conduct of the hearing and other documents can be reviewed and copied at the Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois; 217-782-0610. Please call ahead for an appointment.

Inquiries about the draft permit IL0080039 should be directed to Larry Crislip, Manager, Permit Section, IEPA Mine Pollution Control Program, 2309 W. Main St., Marion, IL, 618-993-7200, e-mail larry.crislip@Illinois.gov.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with provisions of Sections 309.115 through 309.119. These documents can be obtained online at <http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-33358>. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the IEPA hearing officer by **May 12, 2014**.

The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. **Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by midnight, June 30, 2014, when the hearing record closes** (e-mails with written comments **must be** sent to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov and should specify Deer Run Mine NPDES or IL0080039 in the subject line). Email comments originating on third party systems or servers intended for submittal of multiple emails of the same or nearly the same content will not be accepted without prior approval from the hearing officer. The IEPA welcomes substantive written comments. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to:

Hearing Officer Dean Studer, Mail Code #5
Re: Deer Run Mine NPDES
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All other comments not pertaining to this permit can be emailed to the hearing officer at dean.studer@illinois.gov.