

Public Notice of an Air Pollution Control Permit Application Review

Facility Description

Wisconsin Power & Light (WPL) - Riverside Energy Center, located at 1401 West B R Townline Road , Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, FID 154099880, submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a permit application, including plans and specifications for the construction of seven (7) natural gas-fired reciprocating internal combustion engines and several natural gas-fired heating units and the modification of prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) best available control technology (BACT) limitations for four (4) combustion turbines and a dew point heater at an existing electrical generation facility.

Air pollution control construction permit no. 24-PSD-168.

Application Review

DNR has prepared an analysis and made a preliminary determination that the application meets state and federal air pollution control requirements and that the permit may be approved. You can view the permit application, the DNR's analysis, preliminary determination and draft permit, and other materials considered by the department using the Air Permit Search Tool located at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/AirPermits/Search.html> or by contacting Dave Minkey at (920) 585-0277 or by e-mail at David.Minkey@wisconsin.gov.

For questions about the permit application or the DNR's analysis, preliminary determination and draft permit please contact Dave Minkey at (920) 585-0277 or by e-mail at David.Minkey@wisconsin.gov.

The permit application is being reviewed under the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Program [ch. NR 405, Wis. Adm. Code] for nitrogen oxides (NO_x). The proposed project and the existing facility will consume the following NO₂ increment: NO₂, annual – 11.3 µg/m³ out of 25.0 µg/m³ (45.2%).

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.

An environmental analysis (EA) for the project was jointly prepared by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and DNR. The Supplement EA for this project can be found on the Public Service Commission website and is available at: <https://apps.psc.wi.gov/ERF/ERFview/viewdoc.aspx?docid=536556>.

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 https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/warp_ext/public_notice.aspx. Comments or request for hearing should be sent to Dave Minkey at David.Minkey@wisconsin.gov or to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Green Bay Service Center, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727. Attn.: Dave Minkey.

If a hearing is requested, the requester shall indicate their interest in the permit and the reasons why a hearing is warranted.

All comments received by the DNR at the public hearing if one is held, and prior to the close of the comment period, will be considered prior to making a final decision regarding the proposed project. After the close of the public comment period, a final decision will be made on whether to issue or deny the air pollution control permit. 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 upon request.

Notice: Any information, including personal or contact information, submitted to the department may be considered a public record. Records may be publicly disclosed either in paper form or electronically and could be searchable on the Internet.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary

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