Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Hearing
Proposed Issuance of a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit to
MAT Asphalt, LLC in Chicago

MAT Asphalt, LLC has applied to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a federally enforceable state operating permit (FESOP) regulating the air emissions from its hot mix asphalt plant located at 4450 South Morgan in Chicago. The Illinois EPA has reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review and comment.

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on January 29, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the National Latino Education Institute, 2011 W Pershing Road in Chicago. The hearing will be held to receive comments and answer questions from the public concerning the application. The hearing will be held under the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Permit and Closure Plans," 35 IAC 166, Subpart A. Lengthy comments and questions should be submitted in writing. The Agency intends to have Spanish language translation available at the hearing. Requests for other interpretation (including sign language) must be made by January 15, 2020. 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. Any questions about hearing procedures or requests to address special needs should be made to the Illinois EPA, Christine Zeivel – Hearing Officer, Re: MAT Asphalt, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, PO Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/524-1628, TDD: 866/273-5488, epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov.

For information or requests about the draft permit, please contact Brad Frost, Community Relations, Illinois EPA, at 217/782-2113 or 217/782-9143 TDD or brad.frost@illinois.gov.

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comments on the draft permit during the comment period. Written comments must be received no later than midnight February 28th, 2020 and must be submitted to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov or Illinois EPA, Attn: Brad Frost, PO Box 19276, 1021 North Grand Avenue, Springfield, IL 62794-9276.

A repository of documents for these permitting actions is available at the Chicago Public Library at the McKinley Park Branch, 1915 W 35th St in Chicago, and the Illinois EPA’s offices at 9511 Harrison Street in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 and 1021 N. Grand Avenue East in Springfield, 217/782-7027 (please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the draft FESOP permit (permit number 19020007) and its project summary may also be available on the Illinois EPA website at https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/boa-notices/Pages/default.aspx and 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 USEPA, as well as the Illinois EPA.

The facility is located in an area of Environmental Justice concern. More information about Illinois EPA’s Environmental Justice program may be found at https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/environmental-justice/Pages/default.aspx