

NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is holding a public comment period from June 12, 2009, until August 11, 2009, on Consumers Energy Company's submittal of an analysis of alternatives to the proposed coal-fired power plant. The facility is proposed to be located at 2742 North Weadock Highway, Essexville, Michigan. The public comment period is to allow all interested parties the opportunity to review and comment on the analysis of alternatives as submitted by Consumers Energy Company.

In response to comments received during the initial comment period for this proposal and consistent with state and federal law, specifically Rule 1817(2) of the Michigan Air Pollution Control Rules and Section 165(a)(2) of the federal Clean Air Act, the DEQ requested that Consumers Energy Company conduct an analysis of alternatives to the proposed coal-fired power plant. The DEQ entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/downloads/permits/PubNotice/341-07/MOU-DEQandPSC.pdf>) with the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) to identify each agency's role and responsibility regarding the analysis of alternatives and technical assistance. Upon completion of its review, the PSC will provide the DEQ with its conclusions as to the matters related to electric generation need in the state. These conclusions will be integrated into the DEQ file and used in the decision-making process. The PSC will provide an opportunity to comment on the submitted analysis of alternatives via separate notice.

A copy of the alternative analysis is available for inspection at the following locations. Please reference Permit to Install Application Number 341-07.

AQD Permits Public Comments Page: <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml>

LANSING: DEQ, Air Quality Division, Constitution Hall, 3rd Floor, North Tower, 525 West Allegan Street (Phone: 517-335-4607)

BAY CITY: Saginaw Bay District Office, DEQ, Air Quality Division, 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City (Phone: 989-894-6200)

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP: Township Hall, 801 West Center Road, Essexville (Phone: 989-893-7541)

The public is encouraged to present comment on the analysis of alternatives. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Bryce Feighner, Acting Permit Section Supervisor, DEQ, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. Comments may also be submitted from the AQD Permits Public Comments Page: <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> (Click on "Submit Comment" under the Consumers Energy Company – Permit to Install No. 341-07 listing). Electronic comments submitted to the PSC Electronic Docket Filings System (E-Docket) during the DEQ comment period will also be considered. The PSC E-Docket provides for the electronic submission of filed documents and on-line access of submitted documents at the following web link: <http://efile.mpdc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/> Please reference Case No. 15996. Information about filing documents to the E-Docket is available at: <http://efile.mpdc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/about2.html>

All comments must be received between June 12, 2009, and August 11, 2009, to be considered by the DEQ decision-maker prior to final permit action.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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