

NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public comment period from March 3, 2009, until May 6, 2009, an informational session on March 26, 2009, and public hearings on April 14 and 15, 2009, on Consumers Energy's proposed installation and operation of a new 930 MW (gross power output) coal-fired Advanced Supercritical Pulverized Coal boiler, steam turbine generator, and auxiliary processes and equipment at the existing Karn-Weadock Generating Station. The facility is located at 2742 North Weadock Highway, Essexville, Michigan.

The public comment period and hearings are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed conditional approval of a Permit to Install (PTI) and a Notice of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) Approval. The permit will establish federally enforceable MACT emission limitations and requirements pursuant to R 336.1299(2)(b), promulgated pursuant to Part 55, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, for implementing Section 112(g) of the federal Clean Air Act.

It has been preliminarily determined that the proposed project will not violate any of the Department's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

This proposed project is subject to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules and regulations for a new major stationary source at an existing site (which is a major stationary source) based on the emissions of particulate matter (PM), particulate matter less than or equal to 10 microns (PM-10), particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM-2.5), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOC), sulfuric acid mist (H₂SO₄), and hydrogen fluoride (HF). The proposed project will consume 61.3 percent of total increment PM-10 (24-hour) and 18.2 percent of total increment PM-10 (annual).

Additionally, the new electric power generation facility will require revisions to Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. 199600477 (SRN B2840). This public comment period meets the public participation requirements for a future administrative amendment to the ROP.

Copies of the Department staff's analysis and proposed permit conditions are available for inspection at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-335-4607. Please reference Permit to Install Application Number 341-07.

AQD Internet Home Page - <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml>

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

BAY CITY: Saginaw Bay District Office, Department of Environmental Quality, 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 written views on the proposed permit action. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. Comments may also be submitted from the webpage <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> (click on "Submit Comment" under the Consumers Energy, Karn-Weadock Facility - Permit to Install No. 341-07 listing). Comments sent via email must be received by midnight on May 6, 2009.

All statements received by May 6, 2009, will be considered by the decision maker prior to final permit action.

On March 26, 2009, an informational session in panel format will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center, Royal Troon Room, 2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City, Michigan.

During this Question and Answer session staff will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed project.

The public hearings will be held on April 14 and 15, 2009, with formal testimony taken at that time.

On April 14, 2009, a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center, Royal Troon Room, 2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City, Michigan. Staff will be available to answer questions prior to the hearing from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in open-house format.

Additional public hearings will be held on April 15, 2009, starting at 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. in the Bay Valley Resort and Conference Center, Royal Troon Room, 2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City, Michigan. Staff will be available to answer questions prior to the hearing from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in open-house format.

The sole purpose of the public hearing will be to take formal testimony on the record. During testimony, questions will not be answered; however, staff will be available to answer questions outside the hearing room.

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Cari DeBruler at 517-335-4607 at least one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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