

NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is extending the public comment period for Consumers Energy until May 20, 2009. There is no new information associated with this extension. Public hearings were held on April 14 and 15, 2009. Consumers Energy is proposing 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 extended public comment period is 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 20, 2009.

All statements received by May 20, 2009, will be considered by the decision maker prior to final permit action.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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