

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PERIOD
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
Preliminary Findings Regarding a
Significant Modification to a Part 70
Operating Permit for Magnetics
International, Inc. in Porter County
Significant Source Modification No.:
127-30819-00039
Significant Permit Modification No.:
127-30893-00039

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has received an application from Magnetics International, Inc. - located at 1111 North State Road 149, Burns Harbor, Indiana 46304 for a Significant Modification of their Part 70 Operating Permit issued on January 14, 2011. If approved by IDEM's Office of Air Quality (OAQ), this proposed Significant Modification would allow Magnetics International, Inc. to make certain changes at their existing source. Magnetics International, Inc. has applied to add a packaging and milling operation.

The applicant intends to construct (and/or operate) new equipment that will emit air pollutants, therefore the permit contains new or different permit conditions. In addition, some conditions from previously issued permits/approvals have been corrected, changed or removed. The potential to emit criteria pollutants and hazardous air pollutants will continue to be limited to less than the TV and/or PSD major threshold levels, respectively. IDEM has reviewed this application, and has developed preliminary findings, consisting of a draft permit and several supporting documents, that would allow the applicant to make this change.

A copy of the permit application and IDEM's preliminary findings are available at:

Westchester Public Library
200 West Indiana Library
Chesterton, IN 46304
and

Northwest Regional Office
8380 Louisiana Street
Merrillville, IN 46410

A copy of the preliminary findings is available on the Internet at:
www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/idem-caats/

How can you participate in this process?

The date that this notice is published in a newspaper marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period. If the 30th day of the comment period falls on a day when IDEM offices are closed for business, all comments must be postmarked or delivered in person on the next business day that IDEM is open.

You may request that IDEM hold a public hearing about this draft permit. If adverse comments concerning the air pollution impact of this draft permit are received, with a request for a public hearing, IDEM will decide whether to hold a public hearing. IDEM could also decide to hold a public meeting instead of, or in addition to, a public hearing. If a public hearing or meeting is held, IDEM will make a separate announcement of the date, time, and location of that hearing or meeting. At a hearing, you would have an opportunity to submit written comments and make verbal comments. At a meeting, you would have an opportunity to submit written comments, ask questions, and discuss any air pollution concerns with IDEM staff.

Comments and supporting documentation, or a request for a public hearing should be sent in writing to IDEM at the address below. If you comment via e-mail, please include your full U.S. mailing address so that you can be added IDEM's mailing list to receive notice of future action related to this permit. If you do not want to comment at this time, but would like to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM at the address below. Please refer to permit number SSM 127-30819-00039 and SPM 127-30893-00039 in all correspondence.

To Contact IDEM:

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All comments will be considered by IDEM when we make a decision to issue or deny the permit. Comments that are most likely to affect final permit decisions are those based on the rules and laws governing this permitting process (326 IAC 2), air quality issues, and technical issues. IDEM does not have legal authority to regulate zoning, odor or noise. For such issues, please contact your local officials.

For additional information about air permits and how you can participate, please see IDEM's Guide for Citizen Participation and Permit Guide on the Internet at: www.idem.in.gov.

What will happen after IDEM makes a decision? Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision stating whether the permit has been issued or denied.

If the permit is issued, it may be different than the draft permit because of comments that were received during the public comment period. If comments are received during the public notice period, the final decision will include a document that summarizes the comments and IDEM's response to those comments. If you have submitted comments or have asked to be added to the mailing list, you will receive a Notice of the Decision. The notice will provide details on how you may appeal IDEM's decision, if you disagree with that decision. The final decision will also be available on the Internet at the address indicated above, at the local library indicated above, and the IDEM public file room on the 12th floor of the Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204-2251 IDEM Northwest Regional Office.

If you have any questions please contact Heath Hartley of my staff at the above address.

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