

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

INEOS USA L.L.C., Chocolate Bayou Plant

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED CLEAN AIR ACT GREENHOUSE GAS PREVENTION OF
SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION PRECONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Public Comment Period August 30-September 28, 2012

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides notice of and requests public comment on the EPA's proposed action relating to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application for the INEOS USA L.L.C. Chocolate Bayou Plant. EPA is issuing notice of a draft PSD permit that, if finalized would regulate and authorize greenhouse gas (GHG) pollutant emissions associated with the project to install an additional cracking furnace, decoking drum, and associated support equipment in accordance with the PSD regulation (40 CFR 52.21). The proposed construction will occur at the existing site location, which is located at FM 2004 Alvin, TX 77511.

Under the provisions of 40 CFR 52.21 (except paragraph (a)(1)), EPA Region 6 implements a GHG PSD Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Texas. *See 40 CFR 52.2305*. As the project will result in increased greenhouse gas emissions for a facility described at 40 CFR 52.21 (b)(49)(v), EPA concludes that INEOS' application is subject to PSD review for GHG emission increases. The proposed project consists of the construction of one new cracking furnace rated at 495 MMBtu/hr and dedicated decoking drum along with the fugitive emission components.

Any interested individual may submit written comments on EPA's proposed PSD permit for the INEOS project. All comments must be received in writing by September 28, 2012 or postmarked by September 28, 2012 to Bonnie Braganza at one of the following addresses:

E-mail: braganza.bonnie@epa.gov

U.S. Mail: Bonnie Braganza
Air Permits Section (6PD-R)
U.S. EPA, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

EPA will consider and respond to all comments that were received in writing or were postmarked by September 28, 2012 to either of the above addresses. All comments will be considered in making the final decision regarding the permit. In responding to public comments, EPA may group similar comments together in the response. Additionally, the EPA will not respond to individual commenters directly.

All comments will be included in the public docket without change, and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Thus, CBI or other protected

information should be clearly identified as such, and should not be submitted through email. Any emails sent directly to the EPA will capture your email address automatically, which will be included as a part of the public comment. *Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with your comments if you wish to receive direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit, and responses to comments submitted during the public comment period.*

An extension of the 30-day comment period may be granted if the request for an extension adequately demonstrates why additional time is required to prepare comments.

Public Hearing: The EPA may hold a public hearing if there is a significant amount of public interest in the draft permit. A public hearing may be requested by contacting the EPA via email or mail by September 24, 2012. Any requests for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. However, attendance at the public hearing is not required in order to submit written comments on the draft permit. *If the EPA determines that there is significant public interest*, a public hearing will be held on October 2, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following location:

Alvin Branch: Brazoria County Library
105 S. Gordon
Alvin, TX 77511
(281) 388-4300

The public comment period shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing in the event that a public hearing is held. If no request for a public hearing is received by September 24, 2012 or EPA determines that there is not significant interest, the EPA has the right to cancel a public hearing. *If the public hearing is canceled*, notification of the cancellation will be posted by the EPA by September 28, 2012 on EPA's website <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r6/Apermit.nsf/AirP>. Individuals may also call the EPA at the contact number below to determine if the public hearing has been cancelled.

Permit Documents: All documents associated with the proposed PSD permit including the EPA's draft permit, EPA's preliminary determination and statement of basis, INEOS' permit application and supporting documentation, comments received from the public, other government agencies, and the applicant during the public comment period become part of the administrative record for the permit. In addition, all data submitted by the applicant is available as a part of the administrative record. The public can access the administrative record at the following locations (please call in advance for available viewing times):

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Alvin, TX 77511
Phone: (281) 388-4300

EPA Region 6 Office
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202
Phone: (214) 665-7340

Final Determination: A final decision to issue a permit or to deny the application for the permit shall be made after all comments have been considered. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision provided the EPA has adequate contact information.