

Dear Interested Party,

On December 29, 2009, the MDEQ approved Consumer Energy's Permit to Install for a new 930 megawatt (gross power output) coal-fired boiler at the existing Karn-Weadock Generating Station in Essexville, Michigan, with the condition that Consumers will retire up to 7 of their oldest coal plants reducing air emissions, including up to 32,000 tons per year of SO₂. Details on the review and approval, and a copy of the permit, can be viewed at www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml.

The final permit decision shall become effective on February 2, 2010, unless a timely request for review, related to the notification of the Federal Land Manager prescribed in Rule 1816, is filed before 4:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on February 1, 2010, with the Environmental Appeals Board of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 124.15 and 124.19.

This correspondence constitutes service of notice of my action. Information regarding the appeal process may be obtained at www.epa.gov/eab.

Thank you for your input regarding our review of this permit application.

G. Vinson Hellwig, Chief
Air Quality Division