

PUBLIC HEARING ON LABADIE PLANT'S AIR POLLUTION PERMIT



What:
A public hearing to comment on the air pollution operating permit for Ameren's Labadie Plant.

When:
October 21, 2010
7:00 PM

Where:
Labadie Elementary School
2749 Highway T
Labadie, MO 63055

About the Plant

- The Labadie plant is the largest coal-fired power plant in Missouri, and one of the largest in the country.
- It is the 11th largest source of carbon dioxide emissions and the 4th largest source of mercury emissions among power plants nationwide.
- The Labadie plant has been operating since 1970, before significant pollution restrictions were required by the Clean Air Act.

Why Air Pollution Operating Permits Matter

- The Clean Air Act requires facilities like the Labadie plant to have operating permits. These permits should include ALL of a facility's air pollution requirements—what facilities must do to control, monitor, and report their air pollution emissions.
- Operating permits are a critical tool for the public and government regulators to make sure that facilities are complying with their air pollution requirements.

Key Problems with the Labadie Plant Operating Permit

Outstanding Violations

- The Labadie plant is currently in violation of the Clean Air Act. The plant does not have the necessary pollution controls required to reduce its air pollution emissions. The permit needs a compliance schedule to fix these violations.

Inadequate Monitoring

- The permit limits the amount of air pollution from the Labadie plant. However, the permit needs better monitoring requirements to make sure that the facility meets its limits.

Failure to Inform the Public

- The Labadie plant releases hundreds of tons of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) into the air each year. PM_{2.5} is a harmful air pollutant that causes serious health effects including respiratory problems, heart attacks, and premature death. The permit should include information about the plant's PM_{2.5} emissions.

What You Can Do

- Come to the hearing and let the Missouri Department of Natural Resources know that people care about air pollution emissions from the Labadie plant.
- Speak at the hearing to let government regulators know what's wrong with the Labadie plant's operating permit.