

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
ON DRAFT AIR POLLUTION CONTROL RENEWAL OPERATING PERMIT (TITLE V)**

The New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is seeking public comment on its intent to approve an air pollution control Operating Permit Renewal for General Chemical, LLC, Berkeley Heights, NJ, pursuant to the provisions of Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act, the federal rules promulgated at 40 CFR 70, and the state regulations promulgated at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22. These rules require existing facilities with a potential to emit major amounts of air contaminants to obtain an operating permit which specifies the air pollution control requirements that apply to the facility; the maximum amount of air pollutants which can be emitted; and the monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements to assure compliance.

General Chemical, LLC is located at 235 Snyder Ave, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 and consists of a chemical plant that manufactures aluminum chlorohydrate, aluminum chloride and ferric chloride. General Chemical is owned and operated by General Chemical, LLC.

The facility is classified as a major facility based on its potential to emit 554 tons per year of hydrogen to the atmosphere.

The equipment that emits air contaminants from this facility include: storage tanks and process reactors with scrubber, agitators, one boiler, silos and emergency generator etc.

The conditions of approval for this renewal operating permit are based on conditions of approval in all applicable preconstruction permits for equipment at this facility, and on applicable requirements in state and federal air pollution control rules. Consistent with 40 CFR 70.7(a)(5), each condition in the permit includes the citation of the applicable requirement on which the condition is based.

This permit action proposes to allow the General Chemical to continue operation of existing equipment that emits air contaminants to the atmosphere. Before a final renewal permit is issued, the public has this opportunity to comment on the draft permit.

This public notice with additional details, statement of basis, and the draft permit have been posted at the Air Quality Permitting website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/aqpp/publicnotices.htm>. Copies of these documents and additional information on this draft permit can be obtained by calling Yaso Sivaganesh (609-984-6349).

The draft permit is also available for inspection at the address below and at the Northern Regional Enforcement Office located at 7 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927 with phone number 973-656-4444. If you would like to inspect the draft permit at either location, please call in advance for an appointment. You may also inspect the application and supporting materials, and other information and documents contained in the supporting file for the draft permit, at the Trenton location listed below, by calling for an appointment. Any comments on this draft permit and/or a request for public hearing must be received within thirty days of the date of this notice and addressed to:

Yaso Sivaganesh
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Air Quality Permitting Program
Bureau of Air Permits
401 East State St. - 2nd Floor, PO Box 27
Trenton, NJ 08625-0027
609-984-6349

The Responsible Official at the facility has certified that the facility currently meets all applicable requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act and the New Jersey Air Pollution Control Act. Based on this certification, and the Department's evaluation of the information included in the facility's application, the Department has concluded that this air pollution control operating permit should be approved to allow operation of the existing facility for five

years. Prior to the expiration of the five year period, the facility will be required to apply for a renewal of this operating permit, at which time the Department will evaluate the facility and issue a public notice with its findings.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.11(f), any person may request that the Department hold a public hearing on the draft permit. A request for a public hearing shall be submitted, in writing, within thirty days of the date of this notice to the Department at the Trenton address listed above. The request for public hearing shall include a statement of issues to be discussed at the public hearing. The statement of issues shall be relevant to the draft permit under review by the Department.