

Indiana agency reschedules hearing on coal-to-diesel plant

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DALE, Ind. — State regulators have rescheduled a public hearing on an air permit for a coal-to-diesel plant proposed for southern Indiana .

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management will collect written comments and hear public testimony about the draft air permit during the Dec. 5 hearing at Heritage Hills High School in Lincoln City, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



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Riverview Energy officials say the plant proposed for the town of Dale, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) northeast of Evansville, would convert the region's plentiful coal reserves into diesel fuel and other products.

The company's air permit application says it would have annual emissions rates of about 2.2 million tons of carbon dioxide, 255 tons of carbon monoxide and 120 tons of sulfur dioxide.

A local group opposes the project due to pollution and health concerns.