

State of Illinois Issues Air Permit for Peabody's Prairie State Energy Campus

PRNewswire-FirstCall
LIVELY GROVE, Ill.

The State of Illinois has issued the air permit for the \$2 billion-plus Prairie State Energy Campus, a major coal-fueled electric generating station and coal mine planned for Washington County, Ill.

"The permit marks a major milestone in the development of the project," said Peabody Executive Vice President of Corporate Development Roger B. Walcott Jr. "It is a testament to Peabody's commitment to create clean, environmentally friendly energy in Illinois."

Prairie State received its air permit following three years of rigorous environmental review, multiple public comment periods and extensive community input. The project will invest more than \$500 million in control technologies, enabling the plant to use abundant Illinois coal reserves while achieving very low emissions levels.

Peabody is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2003 sales of 203 million tons and \$2.8 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel more than 10 percent of all U.S. electricity and more than 2.5 percent of worldwide electricity.

Contact:
Beth Sutton
(928) 525-3168

SOURCE: Peabody Energy

CONTACT: Beth Sutton of Peabody Energy, +1-928-525-3168

Web site: <http://www.peabodyenergy.com/>
