

BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD


EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION,)	
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Petitioner,)	
)	PCB 11-86
v.)	(Variance-Air)
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ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL)	
PROTECTION AGENCY,)	
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Respondent.)	

NOTICE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I have today filed with the Office of the Pollution Control Board the CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION and APPEARANCE of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a copy of which is herewith served upon you.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL
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By: 
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DATED: May 31, 2011

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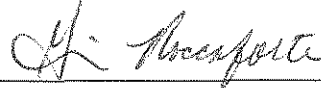
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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, the undersigned, an attorney state that I caused the attached notice to be published in the *Joliet Herald News* on May 25, 2011 (Attachment 1).



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ATTACHMENT 1

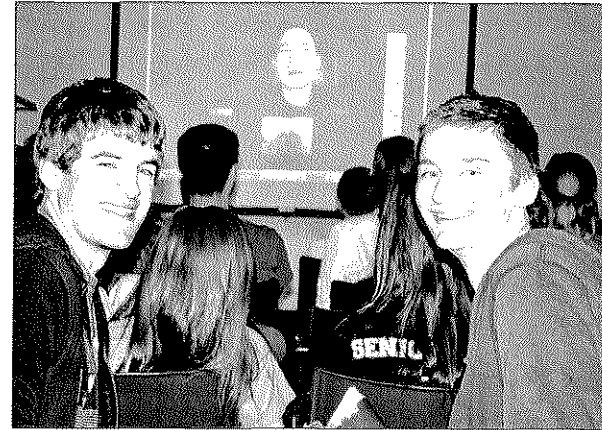
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Local News

Students Skype top physicist

Wilmington class has questions answered by author, scientist

BY MARY BASKERVILLE
For The Herald-News



Wilmington High School students Garrett Saulters (left) and Trent Davis, participate in a live discussion with physicist Brian Greene. Their class has been learning about Greene's work and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the author via a Skype connection. | MARY BASKERVILLE FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

WILMINGTON — Technology linked the class at Wilmington High School with Brian Greene, but it was really a shared interest in physics that brought the famed author and scientist and the physics class together.

Students quizzed him on everything from the latest theories to how he balances scientific research, teaching at Columbia University and authoring books.

Garrett Saulters said the class had gained "a lot of insight on what he does."

"We set up the exchange to give my students an opportunity to interact with one of the top physicists in the world," instructor Chris Cummings said. "Greene is one of the leading experts on string theory, which is one of the most promising theories in modern physics."

Student Paige Friddle asked Greene about competing theories. Greene said string theory is an attempt at "trying to understand space and time," adding that when there are "many perspectives, clarity usually emerges."

Ashley Howard asked Greene how important the Higgs particle is, while Kelly Moore asked why students are still learning about Newton's theories.

"My students were very intrigued by many of the current areas of research in modern physics, and Greene, being a three-time best-selling author, is capable of explaining even the most difficult concepts in engaging and entertaining ways," Cummings said.

The class read Greene's "The Hidden Reality," and some also read "The Elegant Universe."

"Although the topics were extremely difficult to grasp, Greene's knowledge base and way of explaining things in terms of analogies helped students appreciate complex topics such as quantum mechanics, Einstein's general and special relativity, particle physics and modern attempts to find a 'theory of everything', which unifies all of our current understanding of science," Cummings said.

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Pollution Variance
ExxonMobil Oil Corporation ("ExxonMobil") located on a site adjacent to Interstate 55 at the Arsenal Road exit in Channahon Township in unincorporated Will County has filed with the Illinois Pollution Control Board ("Board") a petition for variance under Title IX of the Environmental Protection Act ("Act") [415 ILCS 5/35-38]. The Board has the authority pursuant to Section 35 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/35] and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104 to grant a variance. ExxonMobil requests a variance from the December 31, 2014, deadline for compliance with the applicable nitrogen oxides emissions requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 217, Subparts A, D, E, F, and Appendix H. Specifically, ExxonMobil requests that the Board grant a four-year and four-month variance to May 1, 2019, from the December 31, 2014, compliance deadline. A copy of this variance petition may be obtained through the Clerk's Office at the Board. The Board's office address is Illinois Pollution Control Board, James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601 (telephone: 312/814-3620).

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") solicits the views of persons who may be affected by the variance. Address any comments or inquires to: Gina Roccaforte, Assistant Counsel, Division of Legal Counsel, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Post Office Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, telephone: 217/782-6544.

The Illinois EPA is preparing a recommendation, and, unless otherwise ordered by the hearing officer or Board, plans to file the recommendation on or before July 5, 2011. The record will remain open for written comments for 45 days after the filing of the recommendation and should be submitted to the Board at the address specified above. The record is available at the Board office for inspection, except those portions that are protected from disclosure under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 130. Procedures are available whereby disclosure may be sought by the public.

A hearing may be held after the filing of the recommendation. However, if a written objection to the variance and a request for hearing are received by the Board office, no later than twenty-one (21) days from the publication of this Notice, the Board must conduct a hearing on the petition.

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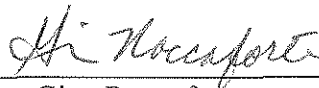
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APPEARANCE

The undersigned hereby enters her appearance as an attorney on behalf of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Respectfully submitted,

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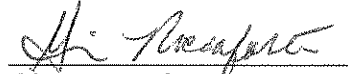
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