

## **For Second Notice, Board Proposes Rules Limiting VOM Emissions from Metro East Aerospace Operations**

On January 21, 2021, the Board issued a second-notice opinion and order proposing amendments to Parts 211 and 219 of its air pollution regulations. The proposed amendments are tailored to address volatile organic material (VOM) emissions from aerospace manufacturing and rework operations in the Metro East counties of Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair.

An emission source in the Metro East area intends to expand its aerospace facility. The expansion would subject the facility to general VOM emission limits for miscellaneous metal parts and products coating. Guidance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, however, recognizes that general emission limits are not appropriate for aerospace applications. The Board therefore proposed these amendments to ensure that emission limits specific to aerospace operations apply to the expanded facility.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) initiated this rulemaking by submitting a proposal to the Board on October 5, 2020. For first notice, the proposed amendments were published in the *Illinois Register* on October 30, 2020 (44 Ill. Reg. 17146, 17190). After holding two public hearings and receiving public comment, the Board issued its second-notice opinion and order, sending the proposed amendments to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for review. JCAR is expected to take up the proposed amendments at its February 16, 2021 meeting.

The rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 219, Organic Material Emission Standards for the Metro East Area, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211, Definitions and General Provisions, docket R21-18. Here is a link to the Board's [second-notice opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox at 312-814-6085 or [tim.fox@illinois.gov](mailto:tim.fox@illinois.gov).