

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

June 19, 1997

IN THE MATTER OF:

AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL. ADM. CODE )  
PART 611 (CROSS REFERENCE TO LAB )  
ACCREDITATION RULES AT 35 ILL. )  
ADM. CODE 186) )

R97-30  
(Rulemaking - Water)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J. Theodore Meyer):

On June 2, 1997 the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed a proposal for rulemaking to amend the rules found in 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 611 to cross reference the Agency's own laboratory accreditation rules proposed as Part 186. On June 13, 1997 the first notice publication of the Agency's proposed Part 186 lab accreditation rule was published in the Illinois Register. (21 Ill. Reg. 6948-7061 (June 13, 1997).)

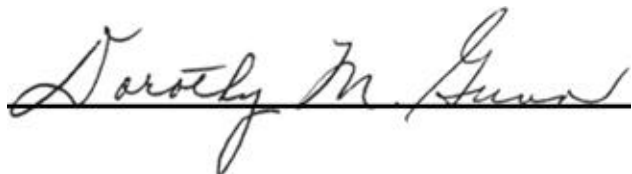
The Board today finds that the proposal for rulemaking contains the information required by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.121. Accordingly, the Board accepts this matter for hearing pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.160(b).

The Board, however, on its own motion stays hearings on this proceeding for 120 days. If the Board held hearings on the cross-reference proposal before Part 186 becomes final, the public could confuse the two proceedings and discuss the merits of the Agency's Part 186 proposal during the Board hearings. The purpose of the Board hearings in this matter is to discuss the proposed amendments to the rules in Part 611. In addition, should the Agency have to make substantial revisions to Part 186 in response to comments from the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules or the public, the Agency may have to make revisions to its Part 611 proposal as well. Therefore, the Board prefers to hold its hearings until after the Part 186 rules are finalized.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Board Member K.M. Hennessey abstained.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the 19th day of June 1997, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dorothy M. Gunn", written over a horizontal line.

Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board