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## ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: The time of
- 1 o'clock having arrived, we'll go on the record and
- 3 begin this proceeding.
- 4 Good afternoon to everyone and
- welcome to this Illinois Pollution Control Board.
- 6 My name is Tim Fox, and I'm the hearing officer for
- 7 this rulemaking that's entitled In the Matter of:
- 8 Registration of Smaller Sources (ROSS): New 35
- 9 Illinois Administrative Code 201.175.
- 10 Also present today from the
- 11 Pollution Control Board are at my left Board Member
- 12 Andrea S. Moore who is the lead board member for
- this rulemaking and to my right Board Member
- 14 Jennifer A. Burke.
- 15 The Board docket number for
- this rulemaking is R12-10. The Illinois
- 17 Environmental Protection Agency filed this
- rulemaking proposal on August 15, 2011. The
- 19 Agency's proposal also included in the same package
- the prefiled testimony by Mr. Jim Ross and Mr. Edwin
- Bakowski, both of whom are present with us here
- today.
- In an order dated August 18,
- 24 2011, the Board accepted the Agency's proposal for

- hearing and directed the clerk to publish the
- 2 proposal for public comment, and that proposal
- appeared in the Illinois Register on September 2,
- 4 2011 at 35 Illinois Register page 14616.
- 5 On August 18, 2011, a hearing
- officer scheduled two hearings, the first of which
- is taking place today, October 5, 2011, and in
- 8 Springfield, and the second to be held on
- 9 October 27, 2011 in Chicago.
- The order also set a deadline
- of September 21, 2011 to prefile testimony for this
- first hearing. The order noted that the Agency had
- already prefiled testimony and indicated that the
- 14 Agency need not refile it unless they wished to
- amend it or supplement it.
- The Agency has not filed
- amended or supplemental testimony and no other
- participant has prefiled testimony for this hearing
- 19 today.
- We will begin this hearing
- with Mr. Ross's and Mr. Bakowski's prefiled
- testimony on behalf of the Agency under
- Section 102.242(f) of the Board's procedural rules.
- That testimony which has been posted to the Board's

- web page since filing will be entered into the
- record as if read, and then we can proceed to the
- questions that the participants may have on the
- basis of that testimony although if the Agency
- wishes to begin with a brief summary or introduction
- to clarify, that certainly would be appropriate.
- 7 After those questions of the
- 8 Agency on its testimony, we can turn to any witness
- 9 who did not prefile testimony but who would like to
- testify here today. There is a sheet just inside
- the door at which any person can indicate that
- although they did not prefile testimony they would
- like to offer sworn testimony today.
- 14 As time allows after testimony
- and questions, participants may be allowed to offer
- public comments.
- This proceeding is, of course,
- qoverned by the Board's procedural rules. All
- information that is relevant and that is not
- repetitious or privileged will be admitted into the
- record. Please note that any questions on the part
- of the Board or the Board staff are intended solely
- to develop a complete and clear record and do not
- reveal or indicate any prejudgment on the proposal

- that the Agency has filed.
- 2 For the court reporter today,
- I would ask you speak clearly. I don't think we'll
- 4 have any issue being heard but I'm sure she'll
- 5 appreciate clear answers, and please avoid speaking
- at the same time as any other person.
- 7 Do we have any questions about
- 8 our procedure or about our order today?
- 9 Neither seeing nor hearing
- any, Ms. Doctors, I think it's time under that order
- of proceeding to turn to the Agency and have the
- witnesses sworn so that they may answer questions.
- MS. DOCTORS: Okay. Let's have
- Mr. Ross and Mr. Bakowski sworn, please.
- 15 (Whereupon the witnesses were
- sworn by the reporter.)
- MS. DOCTORS: As previously
- mentioned, my name is Rachel Doctors, and I'm
- representing the Illinois EPA in this matter.
- Just a little background. On
- July 12, 2001, the Illinois Environmental Protection
- Act was amended to include new Section 9.14 which
- authorized the Illinois EPA to propose and the board
- to adopt rules for the registration of very small

- sources, and on August 15th, the Agency submitted
- the proposal for ROSS, which is acronym for
- 3 registration of smaller sources.
- 4 As part of the proposal as
- 5 noted by the hearing officer, we included the
- testimony of Mr. Ross and Mr. Bakowski which I'd
- 7 like to have marked as -- would you like me to enter
- 8 these as Hearing Exhibits 1 and 2 or are they
- 9 already in the record?
- 10 HEARING OFFICER FOX: They are in
- the Board's docket, but as hearing exhibits, it
- would be helpful, Ms. Doctors, if we may have a copy
- to introduce to file as hearing exhibits.
- MS. DOCTORS: Okay. I have a copy
- for the stenographer and a copy for each one of you.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER FOX: I think one
- 17 will be perfectly okay, Ms. Doctors. Thank you.
- Do you by any chance have
- 19 copies you might share with some of the other
- 20 entities that are present?
- 21 MS. DOCTORS: Let's mark the
- testimony of Jim Ross as Hearing Exhibit 1 and the
- testimony of Edwin Bakowski as Hearing Exhibit No.
- 24 2.

- go directly to questions?
- MR. ROSS: Directly to questions.
- MR. BAKOWSKI: Directly to
- 4 questions.
- MS. DOCTORS: Our preference is
- 6 just to go directly to questions.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER FOX: All right.
- 8 That makes good sense, Ms. Doctors.
- 9 If anyone has any questions of
- Mr. Ross or Mr. Bakowski and would like to be
- recognized to pose those, please raise your hand so
- that I may recognize you.
- When I do so for the first
- time, if you would pronounce your name clearly for
- the court reporter and name any organization or
- group you may represent, that would be very helpful
- and appreciated.
- Why don't we open up the floor
- for questions to Mr. Ross and Mr. Bakowski on the
- 20 basis of their testimony.
- MR. GRANT: I'll start.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Sir, please
- go ahead, and if you'd tell us your name, please.
- MR. GRANT: My name is Mark Grant.

- 1 I represent the National Federation of Independent
- 2 Business.
- Here's the first question I
- 4 have.
- 5 The ROSS program is just one
- 6 part of the permit streamlining initiatives
- 7 contained in Public Act 97-0095 authorizing its
- 8 creation. Among other things, the Act also provides
- 9 for more efficient and convenient electronic filing
- of fees and permits.
- 11 Will ROSS facilities be
- eligible to register, renew, pay fees, and notify
- the Agency of changes electronically?
- MR. ROSS: I can answer that.
- 15 Again, this is Jim Ross.
- Initially I believe we
- currently don't have the mechanisms in place where
- you will be able to electronically pay the fees,
- submit the registration form, etc., etc.
- However, we have discussed
- that, and we are currently working on both
- 22 electronic form submittal and the electronic payment
- of fees for the registration program. In fact, we
- have a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the treasurer

- to discuss the electronic payment of such fees and
- what it all would entail and how we can work with
- 3 them to make that happen so we'll know a lot more
- 4 about as far as the timing of electronic fee
- 5 payment.
- On the forms, as you know and
- others know, we're working closely with industry as
- a result of the legislation to improve our website
- 9 and the forms that we offer, make them more user
- friendly, and with that in mind, we are in the
- process of developing a user friendly form for the
- registration program that will initially be
- available on our website and then hopefully sometime
- in the future, now, this may be farther off, our IT
- people have identified some obstacles that need to
- be overcome before this can happen, but sometime in
- the future, it's our intent that eligible sources
- will be able to submit their registration form
- electronically to us.
- So, you know, just kind of to
- sum it up, we're going in that direction, and we
- think these services are a benefit to both industry
- and ourselves so we hope to get to where we need to
- go as soon as possible.

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22 question that's kind of a two-parter.

23 What is the penalty for those 24 who fail to timely register under the ROSS program?

MR. GRANT: I have a second

1 Specifically, does failure to 2 register force a facility to seek a permit or 3 preclude them from ROSS participation? MR. ROSS: Well, as with all cases where an entity or a source fails to comply with the requirements, environmental requirements, whether they be permitting requirements or these new registration requirements, the degree of the violation is discussed internally. We do have some 10 enforcement discretion on how we would proceed on 11 Internal decisions are generally made by our that. 12 compliance section and our legal department. 13 I would like to emphasize that, you know, we're not on a witch hunt here 14 15 trying to identify people who currently aren't 16 permitted or who need to register and aren't 17 registered. That's not our intent. Our intent is 18 to ease the regulatory burden to industrial sources 19 while at the same time allowing the Agency to 20 appropriately realign its resources to focus on the largest emitters. 21 22 MR. GRANT: The second part of 23 that, and you may have already addressed it in your 24 previous answer, will failure to register incur

- 1 previously avoided registration fees or permit fees
- such as construction or operating fees?
- MR. ROSS: Again, that's somewhat
- up to our Compliance and Enforcement Section. They
- take these case by case. You know, they also take
- into account was there intent involved, you know,
- and I don't want to speak for our legal department,
- 8 but the harm to the environment and all these things
- 9 are taken into account in regard to whether there is
- a penalty or any kind of enforcement action.
- Both the last question and
- that question are very good questions, but I guess I
- can't emphasize enough that that certainly is not
- the intent of this program to go out there and seek
- and identify people who aren't appropriately
- permitted or who need to register or are under
- threat of some penalty.
- 18 Our intent is, as I stated
- before, is to ease the regulatory burden of these
- 20 sources and allow us to better use our resources.
- We will do a level of outreach
- that involves trying to identify sources that are
- eligible for the registration program and sending
- them a letter, a postcard. We're in the process of

- developing that. We've had a couple drafts that we
- 2 reviewed, but that's the extent so to say of our
- efforts in this regard is trying to identify
- 4 sources.
- We're identifying sources in
- regards to notifying them that they're eligible to
- 7 register. We're not seeking to identify sources to
- 8 pursue some kind of enforcement action or penalty
- 9 for having not registered or obtained a permit.
- MR. GRANT: Thank you.
- MR. ADKISSON: Jeff Adkisson. I'm
- the executive vice president with Grain and Feed
- 13 Association of Illinois.
- We appreciate the Agency's
- willingness to work on this and to develop a simpler
- program or one that is an ease of our regulatory
- burden.
- 18 My question relates to
- 19 Subsection D. Under Subsection D, existing sources
- holding permits may register of course after the
- 21 effective date of this section.
- The first partly part of the
- question is, will existing air permits for the
- sources that choose to register under ROSS

- automatically become inactive or what happens to
- those permits if someone chooses to become a part of
- 3 the ROSS program?
- 4 MR. ROSS: We briefly discussed
- 5 this in some of our meetings and I believe how we
- resolved it, and again, we can probably follow up to
- some degree on this after the hearing after we
- 8 review our notes, but to the best of my
- 9 recollection, once a source has registered, their
- requirement to hold a permit is gone, and therefore,
- essentially no further action would be required by
- the registry if that's what we want to call them,
- the entity holding the registration, and so with the
- permitting requirements gone, their need to hold a
- permit would be gone. No further action would be
- required by them, and how we treat that on our
- database would be something that we would need to
- decide.
- I know that we're going to
- have a field in our database where it will say that
- this source is registered and therefore no longer
- required to have a permit. Whether it still
- identifies that they previously had permits, I don't
- know, but certainly I would think that we would

- consider those permits no longer active or needed.
- 2 I think that's the case.
- MR. BAKOWSKI: If I could add to
- that, I think that is a good question and we can
- look into making the registration form on approval
- an automatic request to withdraw the previous
- 7 permits.
- MR. ADKISSON: As a follow-up to
- 9 that, will the source receive a confirmation from
- 10 IEPA that their registration was received?
- MR. ROSS: We have talked about
- that also and it kind of ties into the original
- question on all this being available electronically
- or how much information we have available via
- website or other electronic means.
- In the future, we talked about
- that we would hope to have all the sources that are
- registered listed on our website, and then fields on
- our website would indicate, you know, is current
- registration active, when do they need to renew or
- seek renewal, you know, just what the status of
- their registration is. So that will be easy to do
- in the future.
- 24 I think our initial intent was

- to not send out a notification that they're
- 2 registered but instead somehow to convey the sources
- that you can assume to be registered if you don't
- 4 hear from us.
- We may rethink that if that's
- a concern to the registered sources, but again,
- 7 we're, to some extent, we're trying to minimize the
- paper and mailings back and forth. The company
- 9 submits the registration. I mean, certainly they
- will know when we cash their check that we have them
- as registered so they could check that, but as far
- as did we intend to send out a mailing saying you
- have now been officially registered, that wasn't our
- 14 intent.
- As Ed brings up, you'll
- certainly know in the next billing cycle too because
- we'll send you a renewal a certain period of time
- ahead of when your registration is due to expire.
- 19 MR. ADKISSON: Dovetailing off of
- that, would that renewal notice specifically say
- that it was for the ROSS program?
- MR. BAKOWSKI: Yes, the renewal
- notice would say that this is specifically for the
- ROSS program and that your annual renewal fee is

- 1 due.
- MR. ADKISSON: All right. Another
- question under Subsection D. It's indicated that,
- of course, new sources shall register 90 days before
- 5 commencing operation. And, kind of tying into the
- last question as well, will new sources receive a
- 7 confirmation that the registration was received, and
- 8 are sources precluded from commencing operation
- 9 until the registration is confirmed?
- MR. ROSS: As far as receiving
- notice that the registration was received and
- accepted, I refer back to an answer to my previous
- question. Our current intent was that, no, we were
- not going to send out any response mailing that
- we've reviewed your registration and it has been
- accepted.
- 17 If we reject it, our intent
- was to send out a mailing but if we accept it, our
- intent was not to.
- The second part of that
- question, if you could repeat that.
- MR. ADKISSON: Are sources
- precluded from commencing operation until the
- registration is confirmed or, perhaps put another

- way, how do they know that they have been granted
- the registration and they can operate if they have
- not received a confirmation?
- 4 MR. ROSS: That's an excellent
- 5 question.
- One way they could find out if
- 7 we've accepted their registration is they could
- 8 always call. We will have certain analysts with
- 9 these initial, permit analysts with these initial
- registrations assigned to go through them all and to
- log them in so that we can get the database up and
- running and to ensure the initial integrity of the
- program.
- 14 Again, another way they could
- check is, as I mentioned before, if we cash their
- check, I think they could reasonably assume that
- they've been accepted into the registration program.
- When can they begin
- construction, begin operation, that's a very good
- question. I think we'll have to discuss that and
- 21 get back to you.
- MR. ADKISSON: Thank you.
- MEMBER MOORE: Mr. Ross, just a
- 24 question.

1 Are you anticipating some kind 2 of timeframe between when you might receive an 3 application and when you might deem it unacceptable? I think it would be a MR. ROSS: 5 very quick process reviewing these. In fact, during 6 these initial registration applications that we get, 7 we're going to have dedicated people reviewing those 8 as soon as they come in the door. That's for a couple reasons, and they will be permit analysts so 10 they'll be familiar with the rule and regulation and 11 they'll have a list in front of them of actual 12 emissions of these sources, and it shouldn't be any longer than a week before we would have a final 13 14 determination, and that's quick for us processing 15 applications. 16 That's pretty quick. MEMBER MOORE: 17 MR. ROSS: And that, in part, is 18 due to the simplicity of the criteria. They would 19 simply on the forms that we're preparing certify 20 that they, in fact, are eligible and meet the 21 criteria for registration, and that for the most 22 part would be the extent of the check we do as long 23 as it compares with our list that we have in our 24 emissions database that will show, yes, we agree

- their emissions are less than the criteria.
- And so for those who don't
- jive, by don't jive, you know, they've certified
- 4 that their emissions are less; our emission database
- may say their emissions are more. For those, the
- analyst would likely call the company to verify, you
- 7 know, that you understand the criteria, you're
- 8 certifying that you've met the criteria, and you've
- 9 signed your name that you've met the criteria.
- 10 If they, in fact, say, yeah,
- we realize that; we realize our emissions were eight
- tons the previous year and this year and next year
- we're forecasting they'll only be 4.9 tons so we're
- eligible for the program, so, yeah, we knew what we
- were doing, Illinois EPA, and we want to register,
- that would essentially be the extent of the check.
- 17 So as far as sources that we
- would not let into the program, we really can't
- envision a case where there would be any of those.
- It would be only cases I believe where the company
- wasn't fully aware of all the criteria, didn't know
- what they were doing but they certified that they
- 23 met the criteria.
- So that should be few and far

- between, if any, but if that ever happens, I think
- we could turn it around very, very quick, within a
- 3 week, at most two weeks.
- 4 MEMBER MOORE: So that's something
- 5 you'd want to have included?
- MR. ROSS: Included in the rule?
- 7 MEMBER MOORE: Uh-huh.
- MR. ROSS: Well, we try not to
- 9 limit ourselves to time frames.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER FOX: And,
- 11 Ms. Doctors, if I may interject.
- Mr. Ross, you had indicated in
- response to Mr. Adkisson's questions I believe that
- there were issues relating to the acceptance of an
- application for registration and the need to hold an
- accepted registration before operating, and you did
- suggest, I think quite clearly, that you'd need to
- look at that.
- MR. ROSS: Right.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Is a response
- of that nature something that you can prepare for
- the second hearing that is on the 27th?
- MR. ROSS: Yeah, I think that would
- be appropriate that we would address that further

- and the follow-up question further.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER FOX: And I didn't
- mean to overlook Member Moore's question.
- 4 MEMBER MOORE: No, that's fine. We
- 5 got it.
- 6 HEARING OFFICER FOX: In effect, a
- 7 review period, a review deadline upon application.
- 8 MEMBER MOORE: It just sometimes
- 9 makes it clearer.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Ms. Doctors,
- I appreciate you letting me go ahead with that
- before I lost my thought.
- MS. DOCTORS: Okay. I just want to
- ask a clarifying question.
- 15 Could someone call to find out
- what the status, if they had a new source, could
- they call us and find out whether we accepted it or
- 18 registered it?
- MR. ROSS: Yes, they could. They
- 20 could call, and I believe I mentioned there will be
- specific people assigned to this. They could
- readily reach one of those people, and they would be
- able to quickly identify did we receive the
- registration and was it accepted and is the source

- officially listed as registered in our database, and
- that's how simple the program is. There won't be
- 3 anything more than that.
- 4 Once they submit the
- 5 application, we give it a quick review. They, of
- 6 course, have certified that they meet the
- 7 eligibility. It goes into our database that they're
- 8 registered. Their registration form will go into a
- 9 file cabinet, and that's basically the extent of the
- process. It's that simple.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER FOX: And if I may
- ask a question, Mr. Ross, and I don't mean to commit
- the Agency to a particular course, but Mr. Grant had
- asked about the upcoming online permitting and
- payment. Is there any chance that the online data
- could simply demonstrate to an applicant that their
- registration had been accepted and that they were,
- in effect, invalidly registered emitter?
- MR. ROSS: Yeah, that would be the
- intent. When we get that up and running, that would
- have all that information that they could simply
- pull up the website, find their source, search for a
- particular source, click on a link, and it would
- give them all the information they need on the

- status of their registration and payment, and we're
- working on that.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: So noted,
- 4 Mr. Ross. Thanks very much.
- 5 Mr. Adkisson, I think we were
- 6 working on questions that you had had.
- 7 MR. ADKISSON: That was the final
- 9 question I have at this point in time.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: And our last few
- 11 questions deal with outreach.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Please go
- ahead, Mr. Henriksen.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: If you would,
- Mr. Bakowski or Mr. Ross, would you please outline
- the process and timing for your planned outreach to
- existing small sources regarding participation in
- the ROSS program?
- 19 MR. ROSS: Yes. We've discussed
- this intensively in our internal meetings, and our
- plan, which has been begun in that we have begun the
- work on the registration forms and the registration
- cover letter so to say and we've begun working on
- identifying eligible sources for the registration

- program, and we're waiting to finalize in particular
- the forms based on the final content of the rule, so
- 3 we have to wait until we have a final rule until we
- 4 finalize the forms.
- 5 Shortly thereafter, and by
- shortly I would think hopefully no later than a
- month, that would be our goal. We would send out a
- 8 mass mailing and maybe even include some e-mails on
- 9 that with a cover letter and one page registration
- 10 form.
- We envision this to be only
- one page. It would simply say something to the
- effect that we have identified that your source is
- eligible for registration. Here's the basics of the
- registration program, and enclosed is the form
- should you wish to register, and we would hopefully
- by then be able to direct you further to a website
- that would provide the rule itself and additional
- 19 pertinent information.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Thank you.
- Does the IEPA also plan to
- work with trade associations to reach out to
- existing small sources regarding participation in
- the ROSS program?

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                       MR. ROSS:
                                   Yes, we do.
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       answer when I referred to the e-mails that we would
       send, the intent would be to send e-mails, you know,
       explaining that we're doing the outreach to the
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       trade associations: We're doing outreach, and
       enclosed is the content of the mailings that we're
       sending. You know, please feel free to share these
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       with your members as you see fit.
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                       MR. HENRIKSEN:
                                        Thank you.
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                       HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Henriksen,
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       any follow-ups based on your question?
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                       MR. HENRIKSEN:
                                        No.
                                             Thank you.
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                       HEARING OFFICER FOX:
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                             Mr. Ross, I have a question
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       actually while we're on the subject. The statement
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       of reasons identified, and I believe your technical
       support document as well, that there are
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       approximately 3,250 smaller sources that may be
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       expected to qualify for the ROSS program.
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                              My request specifically is
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       this.
              For the second hearing, and certainly
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       recognizing that that's a fairly large number of
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       sources, would you be able to prepare in a format
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       including a DVD, spreadsheet or some other document,
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- that list of the sources, approximately 3,250
- sources, that you could produce as an exhibit for
- our second hearing on the 27th?
- 4 MR. ROSS: Yes, we can readily do
- 5 that. In fact, we already have that list so it
- 6 would be just a matter of putting it into DVD
- 7 format.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Excellent. I
- 9 appreciate it. And what we would be interested in
- having are simply the names of those sources and a
- mailing address knowing that among those
- 12 approximately 3,250 potentially affected sources are
- some who may not for one reason or another qualify
- 14 for ROSS, and it may exclude others that prove to be
- eligible for it, but as a starting point, that would
- be very helpful for our analysis of this, and if you
- could bring that to the second hearing and prepare
- the filings in an exhibit, that would be greatly
- appreciated on the Board's part.
- MR. ROSS: We will do that.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Thank you
- very much.
- Were there any other questions
- that any of the participants wish to ask of

- 1 Mr. Bakowski or Mr. Ross on the basis of their
- 2 proposal and testimony here today?
- I'm not seeing or hearing any
- 4 at this point in time, and certainly, Mr. Ross and
- 5 Mr. Bakowski, we want to thank you for your time and
- the information you've supplied us.
- 7 Before we began the hearing,
- 8 we did speak off the record procedurally about the
- 9 order that we would follow, and Mr. Henriksen had
- indicated that I believe he and Mr. Adkisson and
- perhaps Mr. Grant was the third one...
- MR. GRANT: That's correct.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX. ... had
- 14 wished not to be sworn and offer testimony but
- simply wished to offer a public comment. Was that
- 16 accurate?
- MR. HENRIKSEN: That's accurate,
- yes.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Okay.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: If any of us depart
- into testimony, we'll be, I'm sure, glad to be sworn
- in if need be, but, you know, we have information to
- 23 suggest to the Board and to the EPA that we would
- 24 proffer as what we would consider a public comment.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- Why don't we clear the decks first so to speak.
- I know that you and
- 4 Mr. Adkisson had signed up, and we appreciate your
- 5 making your presence known on the sheet that
- 6 indicated that you wished to testify.
- 7 I don't see any other
- 8 signatures there, but I want to make sure.
- 9 MR. GRANT: I went ahead and signed
- 10 it.
- 11 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Okay.
- Mr. Grant was the third signature I apologize for
- overlooking that.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Just indicating in
- the event we are needed to be sworn in, that's fine.
- 16 HEARING OFFICER FOX: What I wanted
- to confirm was that you, in fact, did not, at least
- initially, wish to testify and also to make sure
- that none of the other participants who are here
- wish to be sworn and testify.
- Was there anyone who had not
- 22 prefiled testimony but wished to be sworn here for
- testimony today?
- Neither seeing nor hearing

- any, Mr. Henriksen, why don't we proceed to the
- comments that you wish to offer. I appreciate your
- willingness to be sworn. If, as you said, you
- 4 swerve towards substantive testimony, we can
- 5 certainly do that.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: It's happened
- 5 before.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER FOX: We can do
- 9 that, and frankly, if the three of you had separate
- comments, I think we'd be very happy to follow any
- order of them that you would wish to go in.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Yes, we put
- together our own order. Actually, what we did,
- coming from Mr. Grant and Mr. Adkisson and then kind
- of follow-up comments on me, we have Mr. Grant's and
- Mr. Adkisson's comments reduced to writing so if
- that would be helpful, if you'd want to have these
- be marked and introduced, it would make the court
- reporter's life easier and also be helpful since
- these first two comments are, in fact, requesting
- changes in the rules.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Why don't we
- do that.
- You propose, Mr. Henriksen,

- that you'd be willing to offer those, move those
- into the record as hearing exhibits, and if you have
- 3 copies of those --
- 4 MR. HENRIKSEN: Yes.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER FOX: -- you could
- supply to the Board and to the Agency?
- 7 MR. HENRIKSEN: I don't have -- we
- 8 have a total of three copies. These guys each have
- 9 two that they'll refer to but...
- MS. DOCTORS: I have a procedural
- 11 question.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Yes,
- Ms. Doctors, go ahead.
- MS. DOCTORS: It seems like these
- are fairly detailed comments that they're
- submitting, and if I can't get a copy of them, one;
- and two, if I can't ask questions about them, it's
- like I guess they're offering them for what they're
- worth.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Then we'll be sworn
- in and do it that way. Be glad to do it that way.
- MS. DOCTORS: In case we have a
- question, I mean, I don't want to catch anybody
- flatfooted but, you know, this is a proceeding.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER FOX:
- Mr. Henriksen, you had expressed a willingness to be
- 3 sworn.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Sure, all three of
- 5 us.
- MR. ADKISSON: Yes.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER FOX: And in order
- 8 to make our record as clear as possible, if you're
- 9 willing to be sworn and field questions, perhaps
- none from the Agency but perhaps some that they may
- wish to raise, that may enable us to go forward most
- 12 constructively.
- So why don't we, if you
- have -- and forgive me for not keeping track of the
- details. You have only a single copy of the written
- material that you were wanting to provide?
- MR. ADKISSON: I have a copy.
- MR. GRANT: I have a copy that I
- could provide.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Why don't we
- do this, Ms. Doctors, to try to address your
- concern.
- 23 If you gentlemen have a copy
- that immediately you might share with her to give

- her a moment to look at, we can always make
- available copies both to place in the Board's record
- and so that the Agency may have one, but if --
- 4 MR. HENRIKSEN: That's Mr. Grant's
- 5 comments, and that is Mr. Adkisson's comment.
- MS. DOCTORS: I've been given two
- 7 sheets of paper.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: One has two pages
- 9 and one is one page.
- 10 (Pause)
- 11 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Messina?
- MR. MESSINA: I'm just wondering if
- these witnesses are going to make themselves
- available for a second hearing in case there are
- follow-up questions after all the parties and maybe
- even those parties who aren't here today have had an
- opportunity to review the requested change so they
- might be able to pose questions.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER FOX:
- Mr. Henriksen, that's a question you would probably
- best answer.
- MS. DOCTORS: Can we just break for
- a second?
- 24 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Let's go off

- the record for just a moment.
- 2 (Whereupon an off-the-record
- discussion transpired at this
- 4 time.)
- 5 (Recess taken.)
- 6 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Back on the
- 7 record.
- In going off the record, we
- 9 discussed with the participants our order of
- hearing.
- 11 At this point we have
- exhausted...we will give a chance to folks to ask a
- question later, but at this point, we appear to have
- exhausted all questions of the Agency's witnesses
- Mr. Ross and Mr. Bakowski.
- In discussing our order of
- hearings, our procedure at this point, Mr. Henriksen
- indicated that he, Mr. Grant on behalf of the NFIB,
- and Mr. Adkisson on behalf of the grain association,
- the full title of which I can't recall.
- 21 MR. ADKISSON: It's Grain and Feed
- 22 Association.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: Thank you,
- 24 Mr. Adkisson.

1 Each have public comments that 2 they simply wish to submit into the record, and at 3 this point, Mr. Henriksen, we can proceed with whichever of the three of you would like to offer your comment first. 6 MR. HENRIKSEN: Mr. Grant. 7 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Grant, why don't you go ahead and begin, sir. MR. GRANT: Thank you. 10 MR. HENRIKSEN: Did you want to 11 mark them as exhibits? 12 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Yes, because 13 you've expressed an interest in introducing those as hearing exhibits. 14 15 You do have copies of those, 16 and if I may ask you to distribute those as well, 17 Mr. Henriksen, just to make sure that we are all 18 literally on the same page. 19 (Whereupon documents are being 20 distributed.) 21 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Henriksen, 22 thank you for distributing these. 23 The chief difference between

the two documents you have handed me is that one

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- begins "First..." and one begins "Second...", and if
- you could connect those two different documents with
- 3 the gentleman who is offering the comment that's
- 4 written.
- MR. HENRIKSEN: There should be
- page 3 and 4 is actually what you should have.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Very good.
- 8 And the document that it extends from page 3 to page
- 9 4 is the comment of which gentleman?
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Mr. Grant. He has
- comments that go into two pages so if you want to
- mark it -- how about NFIB 1?
- 13 HEARING OFFICER FOX: And that
- comment, pages 3 and 4 beginning "First..." is
- attributable to Mr. Grant?
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Correct.
- 17 HEARING OFFICER FOX: I will for
- the time being merely mark that as Exhibit No. 3.
- 19 Before I turn to the second
- document marked page number 5, and that is the
- document attributable to which gentleman, sir?
- MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Adkisson.
- HEARING OFFICER FOX: And,
- Mr. Henriksen, what I'd like to do is I will

MR. HENRIKSEN: Mr. Grant.

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sir?

1 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Grant, 2 thank you for letting me interrupt you. 3 MR. GRANT: Certainly. Thank you. I'll preface my comments real 5 quickly just by saying that the National Federation of Independent Business represents small businesses, most of them very small businesses in Illinois, 8 sometimes five or ten employees, and as such, those 9 folks who run those businesses are basically doing 10 everything that needs to be done in the business, and therefore, any kind of regulatory issues that 11 12 come their way add more difficulty to their ability to just operate a business, be profitable and employ 13 14 people. 15 The Agency states that the 16 intent of ROSS is to lessen the regulatory 17 administrative recordkeeping and reporting burdens 18 and as well as financial burdens on the smaller 19 sources while at the same time providing a great 20 benefit to the Agency in the reduction of permitted 21 sources and associated workload. 22 Given the sources are very 23 small and cumulatively account for less than one 24 percent of all emissions, Subsection (b)(2)(A) & (B)

- and Subsection (e)(3) & (4) should be amended as
- follows to allow some additional flexibility for
- these small sources in their recordkeeping and
- 4 reporting:
- 5 2) Annual renewal of
- 6 registration:
- 7 A) For the purposes of
- 8 determining continued eligibility under Subsection
- 9 (a)(1)(C) of this section, the owner or operator
- must certify the sum of all actual emissions from
- all units associated with the source for the prior
- 12 calendar year.
- And, if I could ask, do I need
- to finish reading that whole thing?
- 15 HEARING OFFICER FOX: No,
- Mr. Grant. That's in the record as part of the
- 17 Agency's proposal, please go ahead.
- MR. GRANT: I'll skip down to the
- next paragraph B. For the purposes of determining
- continued eligibility with Subsections (a)(1)(D),
- (a) (1) (E) and (a) (1) (F) of this section, the owner
- or operator must certify the sum of all actual
- emissions from all units at the source for the prior
- calendar year. These again are to allow more and

- greater flexibility for the small sources.
- Next page. e) The following
- records shall be kept and available for inspection
- by the Agency for at least five calendar years. If
- 5 we could skip down to No. 3. Documentation
- supporting that source is eligible for ROSS pursuant
- 7 to the criteria in Subsections (a) and (b) of this
- 8 section. And then we would add, this may include
- 9 but are not limited to annual material usage, annual
- throughput, purchase records, emissions rates, etc.;
- 11 and
- 12 4) A copy of the source's
- initial registration, and again, we would add,
- including documentation of the source's actual
- emissions and calculations demonstrating that the
- source is eligible for ROSS pursuant to the criteria
- in Subsections (a) and (b) of this section and
- annual renewal of registration.
- Do you want me to continue
- with that?
- 21 HEARING OFFICER FOX: If you have
- additional comment to offer, Mr. Grant, please go
- 23 ahead.
- MR. GRANT: Okay. Previously,

- sources were required to do annual calculations and
- submit their annual emissions reports to the Agency
- 3 to be included in the emissions inventory. The
- 4 Agency has stated that participation in the ROSS
- 5 program will alleviate this burden.
- Modification to the language
- as we've noted above could reduce a facility's
- 8 recordkeeping and reporting burden as it would
- 9 provide the flexibility for those sources with no
- significant change in operation or increase in
- 11 production from having to conduct annual
- calculations and then have them on file.
- In addition, the ROSS program
- targets a large variety of small sources and some of
- the less complex source categories or industries may
- be able to determine compliance easily through
- standard throughputs or usage thresholds.
- Modification of the language above would not
- 19 preclude the Agency from requesting additional
- information from a facility including calculation of
- actual emissions as certified under (b)(2)(A) and
- 22 (B).
- Thank you.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Grant, if

- that concludes your comment, we have, of course,
- 2 admitted in the record as Exhibit 4 Mr. Adkisson's
- 3 comment as well, and if you are prepared,
- Mr. Adkisson, we can turn to you at this point.
- 5 (Whereupon Hearing Exhibit 4 was
- 6 admitted into evidence at this
- 7 time.)
- 8 MR. ADKISSON: Thank you, Mr. Fox
- and members of the Pollution Control Board. I'm
- Jeff Adkisson, executive vice president with Grain
- and Feed Association of Illinois. Our members are
- qrain elevators and feed dealers throughout the
- state and, as such, probably encompass one of the
- largest number of similar sources in EPA's emissions
- inventory, and we're pleased to offer the following
- 16 comments.
- The Agency again has stated
- that the intention of the ROSS program is to lighten
- the administrative burden on the Agency due to a
- conversion of approximately 3,200 sources to
- registrations versus permits. The Agency
- 22 anticipates that approximately half of all the
- permitted sources in Illinois are eligible for the
- program.

1 As most eliqible permitted 2 sources, and there again, a lot of our members, are 3 under the lifetime or the general lifetime permits which already afford some flexibility to avoid the construction fees, we see limited value and perhaps 6 negative financial impact to the withdrawal of an 7 existing permit in favor of registration as there's 8 the possibility that that facility may be forced to reacquire a permit by future regulation or business 10 changes. 11 To encourage participation in 12 the ROSS program, we believe that the Agency should 13 consider the addition of the following language 14 under Subsection (g) to encourage existing sources 15 to convert to the ROSS program and remove the 16 disincentive of potential duplicative construction 17 fees which are estimated in the 1,000 to 1,500 18 dollar range for the same emissions units at a 19 facility. 20 We would propose the following 21 language be inserted: 22 (G)(4). Emissions units 23 previously covered by a lifetime operating permit or 24 by a lifetime general operating permit that are no

- longer eligible for ROSS pursuant to Subsection (a)
- and (b) of this section may reinstate such permits
- if these emission units:
- 4 (A) still comply with the
- 5 terms and conditions of their previously held
- 6 permits; and
- 7 (B) submit the requisite
- annual permit fees to the agencies.
- 9 We would also add (q)(5).
- 10 Emission units participating in the ROSS program who
- have not previously held a lifetime operating permit
- or a lifetime general operating permit that are no
- longer eligible for ROSS pursuant to Subsection (a)
- and (b) of this section shall not be charged fees
- for submitting a construction permit application.
- However, they shall submit the requisite annual
- permit fees to the Agency.
- Thank you for allowing us to
- make these public comments, and that concludes my
- 20 comments.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Adkisson.
- thank you.
- And, Mr. Henriksen, you had
- indicated that you had a public comment to offer as

- well, is that correct?
- MR. HENRIKSEN: Yes, I did.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER FOX: And we've
- 4 come to the point where we're ready for that.
- 5 Mr. Henriksen, please go ahead.
- 6 MR. HENRIKSEN: Again, John
- 7 Henriksen with the Illinois Association of Aggregate
- 8 Producers. My members mine and produce crushed
- 9 stone, sand and gravel, and we also have coal
- located at our facility's many readymix plants. So
- along with the Grain and Feed Association folks, we
- are a very large sector of the industries impacted
- by these proposed ROSS rules.
- 14 I first want to commend the
- 15 IEPA for their outreach to our industries
- previously. They've met with us on more than one
- occasion to try to figure out the parameters of the
- legislation, and they've been extremely open to
- concerns we've expressed previously, and we are
- confident that this rulemaking as it proceeds will
- again help address our concerns but we just wanted
- to put that in the record.
- I also want to put in the
- record that we support the comments made by FIB and

- the Grain and Feed Association. We share their
- concerns and strongly suggest that the Board take a
- 3 close look at the proposed language that has been
- 4 offered and made part of the record.
- 5 Last but not least, I want to
- just proffer some final comments on what we've heard
- 7 today based on a response to our questions.
- 8 We strongly feel that ROSS
- 9 facilities should be able to register, renew, pay
- 10 fees and notify the Agency of changes
- electronically. We do applaud the fact that the
- 12 IEPA is talking about this. We think that the
- opportunity for us should be in the rules so that
- the Agency has strong impetus to work with us and
- get this done.
- Secondly, we feel that the
- companies who fail to timely register on the ROSS
- program should not be penalized by being precluded
- 19 from participating in the ROSS program and being
- forced to obtain a permit, thereby subject to
- 21 additional fees.
- We heard that this is up to
- legal counsel, and we appreciate that response from
- the gentleman who testified in the permit grants of

- the IEPA, but we believe that the rules, to
- encourage people to become part of this ROSS
- program, should have some sort of grandfathering
- 4 clause or some sort of flexibility in there to not
- only penalize what are minimally small sources for
- an inadvertent failure to register.
- 7 Third, existing air permits
- 8 for the sources that choose to register under ROSS
- 9 should receive confirmation from the EPA that the
- registration was received and that their current
- permits have become inactive. Again, we've heard
- them testify that it's being discussed.
- This should be in the rules.
- We are, my people, the aggregate producers are in a
- heavily regulated industry. We don't want to be in
- the position to have someone come on our property
- and ask for a permit and say, well, we submitted it
- and they've cashed our checks but we have no
- confirmation that we, in fact, are operating
- legally. That's very important to us.
- 21 We think that because the EPA
- is developing a series of forums and are creating a
- new program from the ground up, they could as part
- of this process have e-mails be used for them to

- communicate with us and us to communicate back with
- them. An e-mail from the EPA that we've registered
- or that they got our registration would seem a very
- small burden to put on the Agency, and it's a very
- important thing for us to know that we're legal
- every minute we're in operation.
- So we would ask the rules be
- 8 modified to require some sort of confirmation. It
- doesn't have to be by letter. We don't expect them
- to drop that in the mail, but an e-mail is a very
- inexpensive way to let us know we're in compliance
- with the law.
- And fourth, new sources that
- 14 register with the IEPA should receive immediate
- confirmation. Again, how are folks, they can't
- operate for 90 days but they don't know when the
- 90-day period begins unless they have confirmation.
- The confirmation by the EPA
- that we are legal, whether we're an existing source
- or new, that should be taken care of in the rules
- and should be explicit that they tell us, they
- confirm us that we have that, that we can legally
- operate or, the case of a new source, the 90-day
- period begins to run.

- 1 And last but not least, I
- commend again the EPA's interest to work with us,
- and we are interested as trade associations in
- working with them to get this down to our members so
- we can support this program.
- Thank you for your time and to
- 7 the Board and Hearing Officer, thank you for your
- 8 indulgence with these interesting procedural
- 9 questions that we have posed today to let us get
- this done in as efficient way as possible.
- Thank you.
- 12 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Mr. Henriksen,
- thank you for your comment which, of course, has
- been transcribed by our court reporter.
- And, Ms. Doctors, you had
- suggested that the Agency, through its witnesses,
- may have, in effect, a comment of their own in
- 18 response to what we have heard this afternoon. Not
- to obligate either of the witnesses to do so but we
- certainly have reached the point where if they wish
- 21 to they may.
- MS. DOCTORS: I quess I'm going to
- ask one question of my witness.
- On the basis of what you've

- heard, Mr. Ross and Mr. Bakowski, do you have an
- 2 understanding of where the comments are coming from?
- MR. ROSS: Yes.
- 4 MS. DOCTORS: Can you state your
- 5 response?
- 6 MR. BAKOWSKI: Yes, I understand
- 7 too.
- 8 MS. DOCTORS: All right. Then the
- 9 Agency has no further questions.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER FOX: So noted,
- 11 Ms. Doctors. I appreciate that clarifying question.
- Why don't we verify once again
- that there is not anyone -- certainly if anyone is
- interested in providing testimony, we have not
- adjourned and would be able to turn to that. Is
- there anyone who did not prefile that wishes to
- 17 testify today?
- I neither see nor hear any
- indication that there is interest in doing so.
- Is there any participant who
- wishes to offer an additional public comment such as
- those three, four persons offered here today?
- Neither seeing nor hearing any
- interest in that, why don't we briefly go off the

- record and address a couple of quick procedural
- 2 issues.
- 3 (Whereupon an off-the-record
- 4 discussion transpired at this
- 5 time.)
- 6 HEARING OFFICER FOX: Why don't we
- go back on the record.
- 8 Copies of the transcript of
- 9 today's hearing are expected to be available to the
- Board before the close of business on Friday,
- October 7, 2011, and the Board will very soon after
- receiving the transcript place it on its website
- under the clerk's office online, of course under
- this Docket No. R12-10.
- The second hearing in this
- docket is now scheduled to take place Thursday,
- October 27, 2011 at 1 p.m. in the Board's offices in
- 18 Chicago with a deadline of Thursday, October 13th,
- 19 2011, for prefiling testimony.
- Because that is only 14 days
- before the date of the hearing, the "mailbox rule"
- at Section 101.300 of the Board's procedural rules
- will not apply, and the clerk's office must receive
- any prefiled testimony on or before the close of

business on Thursday, October 13th. 2 The Board may receive written 3 public comments as well, and those may be filed electronically through the clerk's office online, questions about which may certainly be directed to the clerk's office. If there are questions about procedural aspects of this rulemaking, my own 8 contact information is listed on the Board's website. 10 11 Are there any other issues to 12 address before we adjourn for today? 13 Neither seeing nor hearing any, thank you all for your participation, and we 14 15 will see many, if not all of you I suspect on October 27th. 16 17 (Adjournment at 2:17 p.m.) 18 19 20 21 22 23

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