

Board Sends to Second Notice a Proposal to Reduce Transport of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on August 9, 2007, adopted for second notice rules intended to reduce interstate and intrastate transport of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions on ozone season and annual bases. Specifically, the proposal intends to reduce NO_x emissions from stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines addressed in the NO_x State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call Phase II. The proposal, docketed as In the Matter of: Fast-Track Rules Under Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) SIP Call Phase II: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 201.146 and Parts 211 and 217 (R07-18), adds a new Subpart Q to Part 217 of the Board's air regulations. The existing units subject to this rulemaking are specifically listed in Appendix G.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed its rulemaking proposal in this docket on April 6, 2007, under the "fast-track" procedures of Section 28.5 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act). On May 17, 2007, the Board concluded that Section 28.5 did not apply to IEPA's entire proposal, and the Board divided the proposal by continuing to consider only the portion applicable to engines affected by the NO_x SIP Call Phase II under fast-track procedures in this docket. The remainder of the IEPA's original proposal is contained in docket R07-19 and is proceeding under the Board's general rulemaking authority under Section 27 and 28 of the Act.

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