

Board Sends to First Notice a Proposal to Reduce Volatile Organic Material from Various Sources

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on October 16, 2008, sent to first notice the rulemaking proposal docketed as In the Matter of: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 223 Standards and Limitations for Organic Material Emissions for Area Sources (R08-17).

The IEPA, on January 2, 2008, filed the proposed new 35 Ill. Adm. Code 223, Standards and Limitations for Organic Material Emissions for Area Sources. The IEPA stated that, as originally proposed, the regulations would reduce emissions of volatile organic material (VOM or VOC) from various consumer and commercial products, architectural and industrial maintenance (AIM) coating products, and aerosol coatings.

Since the IEPA filed its proposal, the United States Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a federal rule governing aerosol coatings. The IEPA subsequently struck that part of its proposal. As adopted by the Board for first-notice publication, the proposed regulations include VOM content standards for specified consumer and commercial products and AIM coatings, various exemptions and compliance alternatives, and requirements for labeling, recordkeeping, and reporting.

Publication of these proposed amendments in the Illinois Register will begin a 45-day public comment period, during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R08-17, should be indicated on the public comment.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office

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