

Board Adopts First-Notice Proposal Amendments in Subdocket Addressing the Volatile Organic Material Emissions Control Regulations

On June 16, 2011, the Illinois Pollution Control Board proposed for second-notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) amendments to its air pollution regulations governing volatile organic material emissions (VOM). The rulemaking proposal is docketed as In the Matter of: Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for Volatile Organic Material Emissions From Group II and Group IV Consumer & Commercial Products: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211, 218, and 219 (R11-23). The proposed rulemaking would amend recently-promulgated regulations controlling the emission of VOM from a number of categories of consumer and commercial products. The IEPA proposed the amendments to these regulations in response to comments by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Additionally, in response to comments, the Board opened a subdocket A in this rulemaking, and adopted a first-notice opinion and order. In subdocket A, the Board intends specifically to address only a proposed small container exemption in Sections 218.208 and 219.208, neither of which the Board included in its first-notice opinion and order in R11-23.

Publication of these proposed Subdocket (A) 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, R11-23(A), should be indicated on the public comment. Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board at the following address:

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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.

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