

Board Adopts a Registration Program for Small Sources of Air Emissions

On December 1, 2011, the Board adopted amendments to Part 201 of its air pollution regulations, which address permits and general provisions. Specifically, the Board adopted a new Section 201.175 implementing Registration of Smaller Sources (ROSS). The amendments will become final upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Public Act 97-0095, effective July 12, 2011, includes a new Section 9.14 of the Environmental Protection Act providing for adoption of ROSS provisions. To implement Section 9.14, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), on August 15, 2011, proposed adding a new Section 201.175 to the Board's existing air pollution regulations. The IEPA projects that, based on the criteria included in its proposal, "an estimated 3,230 small emission sources, or roughly 50% of the currently permitted emission sources, will no longer have direct permitting obligations to the Illinois EPA."

The IEPA proposal was docketed as In the Matter of: Registration of Smaller Sources (ROSS): New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.175 (R12-10) on August 15, 2011.

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