

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
March 7, 2024

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY) R24-15
STANDARDS (NAAQS), USEPA) (Identical-in-Substance Rulemaking - Air)
AMENDMENTS (July 1, 2023, through)
December 31, 2023))

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATIONS:

HEARING: April 18, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

BY VIDEOCONFERENCE BETWEEN

Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 N. LaSalle St., Room N-505
Chicago

and

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Building
Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing Room, Room 1244N, First Floor
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield

ATTENDING BOARD MEMBER:

Barbara Flynn Currie

HEARING OFFICER:

Vanessa Horton

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

The following briefly describes the subjects and issues involved in this rulemaking. A comprehensive description is contained in the Board's opinion and order of March 7, 2024, proposing amendments in docket R24-15 for public comment, which opinion and order is available from the address below. As is explained in that opinion, the Board will receive public comment on the proposed amendment for 45 days from the date it appears in the *Illinois Register* before proceeding to adopt amendment based on this proposal.

The docket R24-15 proceeding relates to the Illinois ambient air quality requirements in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243 of the Illinois air pollution control rules. This amendment would update the Illinois ambient air quality requirements to correspond with amendments to the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) adopted during the second half of 2023.

The Federal NAAQS are codified at 40 C.F.R. 50. During this period, USEPA amended implementation of its NAAQSs as follows:

October 12, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 70595)

USEPA updated the current ozone absorption cross-section to the recommended consensus based cross-section value. The new value is 1.2% lower than the current value and reduces the uncertainty in the value. The adoption of this updated ozone absorption cross-section could result in increases in measured ozone concentrations. However, given the existing sources of potential variability in monitoring data, it is unlikely that there will be any consistent measurable and predictable effect on reported data.

November 6, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 76212)

USEPA updated its *List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods* (List) on November 6, 2023. USEPA's update modified existing method designations and designated a new Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) for measuring concentrations of Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) in ambient air. USEPA updated its *List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods* on November 6, 2023. The Board's rules incorporate the December 15, 2022 version of the List by reference. Updating the incorporation by reference to the December 15, 2023 version will incorporate the November 6, 2023 amendment noticed in the Federal Register. The Board proposes that update for public comment.

The Board will accept written public comment on this proposal for a period of 45 days after the date of this publication. Comments should reference docket R24-15 and be addressed to:

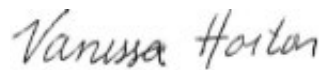
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The Board will conduct one public hearing on the proposed amendment because it will ultimately result in submission to the USEPA of an amendment to the state implementation plan (SIP). Section 110(a)(2) of the Federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7410(a)(2) (2023)) requires reasonable notice and hearing before a state undertakes an amendment to the SIP. The public hearing will occur by videoconference at the time and location described above.

Request copies of the Board's opinion and order at 312-814-3620 or download a copy from the Board's Website at <http://www.pcb.illinois.gov>.

If adopted by the Board, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will submit the proposed amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 243.108 to USEPA for review and approval as a revision to Illinois' SIP. This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Clean Air Act Section 110(1), 42 U.S.C. § 7410(1) (public notice for SIP revisions).

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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