

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
September 5, 2024

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY) R25-7
STANDARDS (NAAQS), USEPA) (Identical-in-Substance Rulemaking - Air)
AMENDMENTS (January 1, 2024, through)
June 30, 2024))

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATIONS:

HEARING: November 7, 2024 at 11:20 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:

Joan Hosty Beacom

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 August 22, 2024, proposing amendments in docket R25-7 for public comment, which opinion and order is available from the address below. As explained in the opinion, the Board will receive public comment on the proposed amendment for 45 days from the date of publication in the *Illinois Register*.

The docket R25-7 relates to the Illinois ambient air quality requirements in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243 of the Illinois air pollution control rules. The Board proposes to 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 first half of 2024.

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

March 6, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 16202)

USEPA revised the primary annual national ambient air quality standard for particulate matter PM_{2.5} from 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³, 3.0 micrograms per cubic meter stronger than the current annual standard. The USEPA retained the current standards for primary 24-hour PM_{2.5} (35 µg/m³), secondary annual PM_{2.5} (35 µg/m³), and secondary 24-hour PM_{2.5} (15 µg/m³). The USEPA set the stronger standard due to human health effects of PM_{2.5} associated with long and short-term exposures to PM_{2.5} in ambient air.

June 12, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 49874)

USEPA designated a new *Federal Equivalent Method* for measuring concentrations of ozone (O₃) in ambient air on June 12, 2024, and modified existing method designations in its *List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods (List)* on June 15, 2024. The Board's rules incorporate the December 15, 2023 version of the List by reference. Updating the incorporation by reference to the June 15, 2024 version incorporates the June 12, 2024 amendment noticed in the Federal Register.

The Board accepts written public comments on the amendments proposed in R25-7 for a period of 45 days after the date of publication in the *Illinois Register* before proceeding to adoption. Comments should reference docket R25-7 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)) 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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