Board Adopts Final Amendments to Non-Attainment New Source Review Rules and Other Air Pollution Rules

On April 17, 2025, the Board issued an opinion and order adopting final amendments to its air pollution rules on permitting for the construction and modification of major stationary sources in non-attainment areas. The amendments update the Board's Non-Attainment New Source Review (NA NSR) permitting rules consistent with the federal Clean Air Act and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's underlying NA NSR permitting program. As adopted, the Project Emissions Accounting or "PEA" Rule is incorporated into the Board's permitting rules on NA NSR and Prevention of Significant Deterioration or "PSD."

The Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group filed the rulemaking proposal that initiated this proceeding. The Board held two public hearings and received 29 public comments. At its April 8, 2025 meeting, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules issued a certification of no objection to the amendments. In all, the Board adopted amendments to Parts 201, 202, 203, 204, and 232 of its air pollution rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 201, 202, 203, 204, 232).

The rulemaking is captioned <u>Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 203: Major Stationary Sources Construction and Modification, 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 204: Prevention of Significant Deterioration, and Part 232: Toxic Air Contaminants, docket R22-17. Here is the link to the Board's <u>final opinion and order</u>, which includes the text of the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Daniel Pauley at 312-814-6931 or <u>daniel.pauley@illinois.gov</u>.</u>