

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

October 2, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
PETITION OF CITGO PETROLEUM) AS 26-1
CORPORATION FOR AN ADJUSTED) (Adjusted Standard - Air)
STANDARD FROM 35 ILL. ADM. CODE)
216.121)

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.A. Van Wie):

On September 10, 2025, CITGO Petroleum Corporation (CITGO) filed a petition (Pet.) under Section 28.1 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) and Part 104 of the Board's procedural rules. *See* 415 ILCS 5/28.1 (2024); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.Subpart D. CITGO petitions the Board for an adjusted standard from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 216.121. Specifically, CITGO seeks an adjusted standard from the carbon monoxide (CO) emissions standard applicable to fuel combustion sources at its petroleum refinery in Lemont, Will County. CITGO seeks the adjusted standard to allow compliance with an alternative emission limitation (AEL) during periods of startup and shutdown or specified emission sources at its refinery.

Section 28.1 of the Act and Section 104.408 of the Board's procedural rules require publication of notice of an adjusted standard proceeding in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the petitioner's activity. 415 ILCS 5/28.1(d)(1) (2024); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.408(a). Notice must be published within 14 days of filing a petition for an adjusted standard with the Board. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.408(a). As required by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.410, CITGO timely filed a certificate of publication of notice of its petition on September 24, 2025. CITGO published notice of filing in *The Herald News* of Joliet on September 13, 2025.

The Board finds that the petition and notice meet the requirements of Section 28.1 of the Act and Sections 104.408 and 104.410 of the Board procedural rules and accepts the petition for an adjusted standard. *See* 415 ILCS 5/28.1 (2024); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.408, 104.410.

Section 104.416(a) of the Board's procedural rules requires that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) file a response including its recommendation concerning the Board's proposed action on this petition within 45 days after service of the petition. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.416(a). The Board directs IEPA to file its recommendation by Monday, October 27, 2025. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.416(a). CITGO may respond to IEPA's recommendation within 14 days after the date of service of the recommendation. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.416(d).

CITGO states that it "does not request a hearing on the Petition." Pet. at 35. However, the Board is required to hold a hearing when any person timely requests a hearing. *See* 415 ILCS 5/28.1(d)(2) (2024). Because CITGO published notice of filing on September 13, 2025, any request for a hearing must be filed by Monday, October 6, 2025. However, "if the Board in

its discretion determines that a hearing would be advisable,” the Board will provide timely notice of the hearing. 415 ILCS 5/28.1(d)(2) (2024); 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104.422(a)(3), 104.424.

This order makes no determination on the information sufficiency or the merits of CITGO’s petition. The Board through its own orders or its hearing officer’s orders may direct CITGO to provide additional information.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on October 2, 2025, by a vote of 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don A. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board