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POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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Dear DON BROWN

Your rules Listed below met our codification standards and have been published in Volume 50, Issue 1 of the Illinois Register, dated 1/2/2026.

OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE ILLINOIS REGISTER

Notice of Public Information (National Ambient Air Quality Standards)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

NOTICE PURSUANT TO 415 ILCS 5/7.2(b)

Section 10(H) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/10(H) (2024)) requires the Board to adopt regulations that are identical in substance to rules adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in compliance with Section 109 of the Clean Air Act. Section 7.2(b) of the Act requires the Board to complete action on amendments within one year of when USEPA adopted its rules. The USEPA ambient air quality regulations adopted under this authority are codified as 40 C.F.R. 50.

Section 7.2(b) further provides that the Board can extend the time to complete amendments upon a finding that the one-year period is insufficient to complete the rulemaking and specifically state the reasons for the extension. The Board must publish a notice of extension in the *Illinois Register*. 415 ILCS 5/22.4(b).

On December 4, 2025, the Pollution Control Board adopted an order in docket R25-15 that stated reasons for delay and extended the deadline for the Board completing action on rules adopted by USEPA from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. A segment of that opinion and order set forth reasons for delay in the update to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243. In that order, the Board stated as follows:

EXTENSION OF DUE DATE AND REASONS FOR DELAY

The Board finds it necessary to set forth the reasons for delay and extend the due date for final Board adoption of amendments.

Under Section 7.2(b) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/7.2(b) (2024)), the Board must complete this rulemaking within one year after the corresponding federal action. Based on the date USEPA updated secondary air quality standards and designated multiple new methods the Board's deadline to adopt final rules in this consolidated docket is December 27, 2025.

The Board finds that more time is needed to complete this rulemaking and consolidate into a single hearing to save state resources. The Board now anticipates adopting these proposed amendments no later than December 23, 2026. Therefore, the Board extends the deadline until that date.

There Board plans to complete the amendments in consolidated docket R25-15 on the following schedule:

Due date:

December 23, 2026

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Proposal adopted date:	January 8, 2026
Publication submission deadline:	January 9, 2026
Expected <i>Illinois Register</i> publication date:	January 23, 2026
Expected Public Notice publication dates:	January 12-14 2026
End of 45-day public comment period:	March 9, 2026
Public Hearing:	March 5, 2026
Adoption date:	March 19, 2026
Possible filing and effective date:	March 20, 2026
Possible <i>Illinois Register</i> publication date:	April 3, 2026