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April 16, 2026

POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
DON BROWN  
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CHICAGO, IL 60601

Dear DON BROWN

Your rules Listed below met our codification standards and have been published in Volume 50, Issue 16 of the Illinois Register, dated 4/17/2026.

**ADOPTED RULES**

Air Quality Standards

35 Ill. Adm. Code 243

5364

Point of Contact: Shannon Bilbruck

If you have any questions, you may contact the Administrative Code Division at (217) 782 - 7017.

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- 1) Heading of the Part: Air Quality Standards
- 2) Code Citation: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243
- 3) 

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Adopted Actions:</u>
243.108	Amendment
243.122	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing Sections 7.2 and 10 and authorized by Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/7.2, 10, and 27].
- 5) Effective date of rule: APR 02 2026
- 6) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 7) Does this rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? Yes
- 8) Statement of availability: The adopted rulemaking, a copy of the Board's opinion and order adopted April 2, 2026, in docket R25-15, and all materials incorporated by reference are on file at the Board's principal office and are available for public inspection and copying.
- 9) Notice of proposal published in the Illinois Register: 50 Ill. Reg. 1610, January 30, 2026
- 10) Has JCAR issued a Statement of Objections to these rules? Section 10(H) of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/10(H)] provides that Section 5-35 of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100/5-35] does not apply to this rulemaking. Because this rulemaking is not subject to Section 5-35 of the APA, it is not subject to First Notice or to Second Notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).
- 11) Differences between the proposal and the final version: There were no changes from the proposal to the final version.
- 12) Have all the changes agreed upon by the board and JCAR been made as indicated in the agreements issued by JCAR? Section 10(H) of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/10(H)] provides that Section 5-35 of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100/5-35] does not apply to this rulemaking. Because this rulemaking is not subject to Section 5-35 of the APA, it is not subject to First Notice or to Second Notice review by JCAR.

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13) Will this rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No

14) Are there any other rulemakings pending on this Part? No

15) Summary and purpose of rulemaking: 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 January 8, 2025, proposing amendments in consolidated docket R25-15 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 consolidated docket in the R25-15 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 between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025. The Federal NAAQS are codified at 40 C.F.R. 50. During this period, USEPA amended implementation of its NAAQSs as follows:

December 27, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 105692)

USEPA revised the existing secondary sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) standard to an annual average, averaged over three consecutive years, with a level of 10 parts per billion (ppb). Additionally, USEPA finalized revisions to data handling for secondary SO<sub>2</sub>. The Board's rules incorporate the secondary sulfur dioxide standard and revised data handling requirements for secondary SO<sub>2</sub> by reference.

April 7, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 15001)

USEPA designated two new *FEMs* on April 7, 2025, one for measuring concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and the other for measuring concentrations of PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> in ambient air. On June 15, 2025 USEPA modified its *List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods*.

September 5, 2025(90 Fed Reg. 42965)

USEPA designated one new equivalent method for measuring SO<sub>2</sub>, one new reference method for measuring NO<sub>2</sub>, one new equivalent method for measuring concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and one new equivalent method for measuring PM<sub>10-2.5</sub> in ambient air.

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- 16) Information and questions regarding this adopted rulemaking shall be directed to: Please reference consolidated docket R25-15 and direct inquiries to the following person:

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

The full text of the adopted amendments begin on the next page: