

Board Sends to First Notice a Proposal to Reduce Transport of Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Emissions

On April 19, 2007, the Illinois Pollution Control Board sent to first notice a proposal to reduce intrastate and interstate transport of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric generating units, on an annual basis and on an ozone season basis of each calendar year. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), on May 30, 2006, filed proposed rule which was docketed as In the Matter of: Proposed New CAIR SO₂, CAIR NO_x Annual and Cair NO_x Ozone Season Trading Programs, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 225, Control of Emissions From Large Combustion Sources, Subparts A, C, D, E, and F (R06-26).

Specifically, the proposal would add a new Part 225. The IEPA proposes the adoption of the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) SO₂ trading program, the CAIR NO_x Annual trading program and the CAIR NO_x Ozone Season trading program to reduce SO₂ and NO_x emissions. The IEPA asserts that the proposal is intended to satisfy Illinois' obligations under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Rule to Reduce Interstate Transport of Fine Particulate Matter and Ozone; Revisions to Acid Rain Program; Revisions to the NO_x SIP Call, 70 *Fed. Reg.* 25162 (May 12, 2005). The proposal is also intended to help meet the IEPA's obligation under the Clean Air Act requirements for the control of fine particulate matter and ozone in the Chicago and Metro East/St. Louis non-attainment areas.

The Board accepted this matter for hearing on June 15, 2006. The Board has held five days of hearings, and received numerous public comments.

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