

## **Board Solicits Comments in Proposal to Amend the Board's CAFO Regulations**

In response to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), the Board on August 7, 2014 opened this subdocket when the Board adopted amendments to Parts 501, 502, and 504 of its agriculture related pollution regulations. This subdocket is intended to address whether specified unpermitted CAFOs should be required to submit certain information to the IEPA. In the Matter of: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs): Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 501, 502, and 504 (R12-23(A)).

On October 2, 2014, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted an order directing the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to submit written comments responding to specific questions on the issue of requiring the submission of information before proceeding to first notice.

Additionally, JCAR recommended that the Board use the subdocket to address matters raised in a letter to JCAR from the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture (NRCS). The Board has carefully considered NRCS's concerns on the possible obsolescence of specific provisions of the Board's rules. However, the Board concluded that it has not adopted an obsolete standard that now requires revision. Accordingly, the Board will not expand the scope of this subdocket to continue consideration of these additional matters.

The Board directed the IEPA to submit written comments

November 3, 2014. The Board also directed any participant wishing to respond to the IEPA's comments or address issues raised by JCAR to file those comments by December 3, 2014.

Public comments should identify this docket number R12-23(A) and must be filed with the Clerk of the Board at the following address:

Pollution Control Board  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at [www.ipcb.state.il.us](http://www.ipcb.state.il.us). Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

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