Board Accepts Proposal to Refine Radionuclide Release Reporting Procedures for Hearing

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on June 21, 2007, accepted for hearing a proposal that seeks to refine when an unpermitted release of radionuclides must be reported to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The proposed rulemaking is docketed as <u>Procedures Required by PA 94-849 For Reporting Releases of Radionuclides at Nuclear Power Plants: New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1010 R07-20).</u>

On May 25, 2007, the IEPA filed the proposal, pursuant to PA 94-849, which added Section 13.6 to the Environmental Protection Act. Section 13.6 requires the IEPA to propose rules to the Board "prescribing standards for detecting and reporting unpermitted releases of radionuclides." The IEPA states the proposal was developed in consultation with Interagency Coordinating Committee on Groundwater and the Groundwater Advisory Committee. The IEPA also consulted with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Exelon Corporation.

After conducting one or more hearings on this proposal, the Board will consider whether to proceed to first notice. The Board has one year from receipt of the proposal to adopt the standards.

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