

Board Sends to Second Notice a Proposal to Control Nitrogen Oxide Emissions From Various Source Categories

On July 23, 2009, the Illinois Pollution Control Board sent to second notice a proposal to amend Parts 211 and 217 of the Board's air pollution regulations. The proposal, filed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on May 9, 2008, is docketed as In the Matter of: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Various Source Categories: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211 and 217 (R08-19). On both January 30, 2009 and March 23, 2009, the IEPA filed motions to amend the proposal based on negotiations with interested parties.

Generally, the IEPA proposes amendments to control nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions from major stationary sources in nonattainment areas, and from emission units including industrial boilers, process heaters, glass melting furnaces, cement kilns, lime kilns, furnaces used in steelmaking and aluminum melting, and fossil fuel-fired stationary boilers at such sources.

The IEPA states that it intends its proposal to satisfy Illinois' obligation to submit a State Implementation Plan addressing requirements under the federal Clean Air Act for major stationary sources of NO_x in areas designated as nonattainment with respect to National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The IEPA indicates that NO_x is a primary precursor to the formation of ozone and is also a precursor to the formation of particulate matter that is 2.5 micrometers or smaller in size (PM_{2.5}).

The IEPA negotiated with interested participants and agreed to revise certain provisions in order to memorialize agreements with them. The resulting amendments address issues including, but not limited to, compliance deadlines, deadlines for installing CEMS, and emissions limitations.

This rulemaking now goes to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for second-notice review.

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