

Board Will Hold Hearings on IEPA's New Proposal to Add Indoor Inhalation Pathway to the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO)

The Board, on November 18, 2010, accepted for hearing the proposed rulemaking docketed as In the Matter of: Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) (Indoor Inhalation): Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 742 (R11-9). On November 9, 2010, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the proposal to amend the Board's TACO rules.

The IEPA's proposal notes that TACO provides "procedures for developing remediation objectives based on various risks to human health posed by environmental conditions at a site." With the proposed amendments, the IEPA seeks to "add the indoor inhalation exposure route to the existing risk-based methodology." The amendments are intended to protect building occupants from vapor intrusion, which is the migration of a contaminated site's volatile chemicals from the soil and groundwater to the indoor air. The Board directed the hearing officer assigned to proceed expeditiously to hearing in docket R11-9.

Also on November 18, 2010, the Board granted the IEPA's motion to voluntarily withdraw the IEPA's two-year old proposal in the rulemaking captioned In the Matter of: Proposed Amendments to Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) (35 Ill. Adm. Code 742) (R09-9). The Board therefore closed docket R09-9.

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