

Board Adopted Changes to Illinois' Rules for Gasoline Volatility

The Board, on January 24, 2013, adopted the repeal of the state gasoline volatility standards in ozone attainment areas codified at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 215.585. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the proposal on April 2, 2012. The Board docketed the rulemaking as In the Matter of: Gasoline Volatility Standards and Motor Vehicle Refinishing, Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211, 215, 218, and 219, (R12-24).

The Board also repealed the state standards in the Chicago and Metro-East non-attainment areas (respectively, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 215.585 and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 219.585). All of these standards have “essentially been superseded by Illinois’ participation in the Federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) program.” Various clean-up amendments are also proposed, as necessitated by the proposed repeal.

The adopted rules impact motor vehicle refinishing operations by allowing alternative use, in spray coating applications, of a High Volume Low Pressure (HVLP) spray gun for which USEPA has given written approval. It also repeals a state registration program that overlaps with the existing federal program.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board’s Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained from the Clerk’s office upon payment of reproduction fees as prescribed by Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/6].

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