

R15-4, National Ambient Air Quality Standards, USEPA Regulations (January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 and November 4, 2014)

On November 20, 2014, the Board proposed for public comment amendments to the Illinois ambient air quality standards that are “identical in substance” to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) amendments made by USEPA during the first half of calendar year 2014. On June 18, 2014, USEPA designated four new federal equivalent methods (FEMs): one new FEM for nitrogen oxides (NO_x); two new FEMs for ozone (O₃); and one new FEM for lead (Pb) in ambient air.

The Board also proposed adding an action from outside the timeframe of the docket, November 4, 2014: USEPA designated one new federal reference method (FRM) for fine particulates (PM_{2.5}) and another for coarse particulates (PM_{10-2.5}); and USEPA designated one new FEM for O₃ and one new FEM for carbon monoxide (CO) in ambient air.

The Board has scheduled a public hearing for January 8, 2015, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The hearing will be held by videoconference between the Board’s offices in Chicago and Springfield.

In addition, public comments may be filed at the following address:

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

Alternatively, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at 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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