

## **PROPOSAL TO AMEND NPDES PERMITS AND PERMITTING PROCEDURES**

The Illinois Pollution Control Board is considering a proposal to amend the Board's regulations used by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for issuing permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The rulemaking, Proposed Amendments to: Public Participation Rules in 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 309 NPDES Permits and Permitting Procedures (R03-19), was filed on January 13, 2003 by the Environmental Law and Policy Center of the Midwest, Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, Prairie Rivers Network, and 225 petitioners.

Specifically, the proposal seeks to amend the Board's regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309 which are used by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to issue permits under the NPDES. The rulemaking proposes changes to the public participation procedures of the NPDES permit process.

The Board will hold two hearing in this matter. The first hearing will be March 17, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Conference Room 9-040, Chicago. The second hearing is scheduled for April 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Illinois Pollution Control Board Offices, 600 S. Second Street, Hearing Room 403, Springfield. Written comments should contain the rulemaking title and docket number (R03-19) and should be sent to the Clerk's Office at the following address:

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