

Board Sends to First Notice a Proposal to Reduce Transport of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions

During its April 19, 2007 meeting, the Illinois Pollution Control Board accepted for hearing without commenting on the merits and sent to first notice a proposal from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) that is intended to satisfy Illinois' obligations under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's nitrogen oxides (NOx) State Implementation Plan (SIP) Call Phase II. On April 6, 2007, the Board accepted IEPA's proposal, which is docketed as NOx Emissions From Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and Turbines: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 201.146 and Parts 211 and 217 (R07-18), pursuant to Section 28.5 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act). Section 28.5 of the Act requires the Board to proceed toward the adoption of the proposed regulation by meeting a series of strict deadlines.

Specifically, the IEPA proposes reducing intrastate and interstate transport of NOx emissions on an annual basis and on an ozone season basis by reducing NOx emissions from stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines and turbines. The proposal also addresses requirements for reasonable further progress, reasonably available control technology, rate of progress, and attainment demonstrations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards for eight-hour ozone and particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 2.5 micrometers.

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