

## **BOARD ADOPTS AMENDMENTS TO NOISE REGULATIONS**

On September 4, 2003, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a final opinion and order in the rulemaking entitled Noise Rule Update: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900 and 903, R03-08. The Board initiated this rulemaking to amend and update the Board's noise rules.

Specifically, this rulemaking updates definitions and sound measurement procedures contained in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900 that were adopted in 1973. The basis for these changes is the American National Standards Institute updates from the years 1998-2001. The Board has also repealed Part 903 as legislative changes have exempted organized sporting events including motor racing facilities from the Board's noise regulations.

Two hearings were held on this noise rulemaking proposal. Written public comments, hearing transcripts, and prefiled testimony in this matter are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web free of charge. Copies of transcripts, written comments, or any other document filed in this matter may be obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3629, or by writing to the Clerk's office:

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