

PORTABLE EMISSION UNIT PERMITTING AMENDMENTS

On February 6, 2003, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a final notice opinion and order in Proposed Amendments to General Permitting Provisions For Portable Emission Units Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201,(R02-10). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) initiated this rulemaking to relieve the administrative burden on the IEPA and the owners and operators of the portable emission units that are frequently relocated. Portable emission units release emissions for less than one year, are permitted to release less than 25 tons annually of any combination of regulated air pollutants, are designed to be portable, and are not used as thermal desorption systems or as incinerator systems.

Specifically, this rule exempts small portable emission units with “lifetime” operating permits from obtaining new construction and operating permits based on relocation. The IEPA estimates there are approximately 500 emission units that could change sites at least once annually without increasing emissions or changing operations.

Two hearings were held on the portable emission units amendments rulemaking. Hard copies of transcripts, written comments, or any other document filed in this matter may be downloaded from the Web free of charge or 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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