

**Board Cancels Hearing Schedule for a Proposal Concerning the Control of Mercury Emissions from Coal-Fired Electric Generating Units**

On May 4, 2006, the Illinois Pollution Control Board, on its own motion, decided to proceed with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) March 14, 2006 proposal for rulemaking to control mercury emissions from coal-fired electric generating units (EGUs), pursuant to Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/27 (2004)). The Board is proceeding under the authority of Section 27 of the Act in response to a preliminary injunction entered by the Sangamon County Circuit Court on May 1, 2006. The Sangamon County Circuit Court enjoined the Board from proceeding pursuant to the hearing and rulemaking schedule required by Section 28.5 of the Act (415 ILCS 5/28.5 (2004)). The Board granted a motion to cancel hearings and rescind the schedule for hearings. The Board will re-first notice this rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 ILCS 100/5 *et seq.* (2004)); at the same time, the Board will file a notice of withdrawal of the first notice that appeared March 31, 2006 (30 *Ill. Reg.* 5957). The Board will cite only Section 27 of the Act (415 ILCS 5/27 (2004)) as authority for the proposed rule in the new first notice.

Additionally, the Board grants in part the IEPA's motion for expedited review, and will use the following hearing schedule.

**FIRST HEARING JUNE 12, 2006,**  
**TO BE CONTINUED DAY-TO-DAY UNTIL BUSINESS IS COMPLETE OR**  
**UNTIL JUNE 23, 2006**

1:00 p.m.  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office Building  
Training Room, 1214 West  
1021 N. Grand Avenue East, North Entrance  
Springfield, IL

**SECOND HEARING AUGUST 14, 2006,**  
**TO BE CONTINUED DAY-TO-DAY UNTIL BUSINESS IS COMPLETE OR**  
**UNTIL AUGUST 25, 2006**

1:00 p.m.  
Assembly Hall, Concourse Level  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph  
Chicago, IL

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