

Board Finalizes Changes to Its Administrative Rules

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on July 20, 2006, adopted amendments to its administrative rules. The Board's administrative rules (2 Ill. Adm. Code 2175) address the Board's organization, the types of Board proceedings, how to pay filing and copying fees, and how the public may access information. Amendments to these rules were needed primarily to: (1) codify statutory changes affecting the Board, including the reduction in the number of Board members from 7 to 5, as well as new requirements for posting meeting information on the Web; (2) reference the Board's overhauled procedural rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101-130); and (3) update information about the Board, including how filings with the Board may be viewed, downloaded, and searched on-line through the Board's Web-based Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL).

The Board opened this rulemaking docket, Amendments to the Board's Administrative Rules: 2 Ill. Adm. Code 2175 (R04-9), in August 2003. An important objective in doing so was to have the administrative rules reflect detailed Board procedural rules on electronic filing that were pending at the time. To ensure the effectiveness of filing through COOL, however, the Board undertook a pilot test of its electronic filing system, postponing completion of the electronic filing rulemaking, R04-8, Amendments to the Board's Procedural Rules: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101-130.

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