

Board Sends to First Notice a Proposal to Reduce Nitrogen Oxides from Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion engines and Turbines

The Illinois Pollution Control Board sent to first notice on September 16, 2008 the rulemaking proposal docketed as In the Matter of: Section 27 Proposed Rules for Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) Emissions From Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and Turbines: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211 and 217 (R07-19).

The first-notice amendments are intended primarily to control NOx emissions from engines and turbines located at 100 ton per year sources located in the Greater Chicago and Metro East/St. Louis nonattainment areas with a capacity of 500 brake horsepower (bhp) or 3.5 megawatts (MW). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) states that its proposed regulations would help Illinois meet Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for NOx reasonably available control technology (RACT) under the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone and would also improve air quality by reducing precursors of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5).

On January 10, 2008, the Board granted a motion by IEPA to proceed with an amended proposal in this rulemaking. The Board has held two public hearings on the amended proposal.

Publication of these proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will begin a 45-day comment period.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies 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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