

Board Sends to Second Notice a Proposal to Refine Radionuclide Release Reporting Procedures for Hearing

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on March 6, 2008, sent to second notice a proposal that seeks to refine when an unpermitted release of radionuclides must be reported to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The Board proposes for second notice the rulemaking, Procedures Required by PA 94-849 For Reporting Releases of Radionuclides at Nuclear Power Plants: New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1010 (R07-20), as it was proposed for first notice making only minor changes.

On May 25, 2007, the IEPA filed the proposal, pursuant to PA 94-849, which added Section 13.6 to the Environmental Protection Act. Section 13.6 requires the IEPA to propose rules to the Board “prescribing standards for detecting and reporting unpermitted releases of radionuclides.” The IEPA states the proposal was developed in consultation with Interagency Coordinating Committee on Groundwater and the Groundwater Advisory Committee. The IEPA also consulted with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Exelon Corporation. The IEPA did propose one change to the language in Section 1010.204(b) which requires follow-up reports in hard copy within five days of electronic filing and that the reports be sent to both the IEPA and IEMA.

The Board held two hearings and accepted comments on this proposal.

During the 45-day second-notice period, the Board will accept comments only from the Joint Committee on Administrative Review.

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