

Board Will Conduct Hearings on Proposal to Control Nitrogen Oxide Emissions From Various Source Categories

On June 5, 2008, the Illinois Pollution Control Board accepted for hearing a proposal to amend Parts 211 and 217 of the Board's air pollution regulations. The proposal, which was filed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on May 9, 2008, is docketed as In the Matter of: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 217, Nitrogen Oxides Emissions, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211 (R08-19).

Generally, the IEPA proposes amendments to control nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions from various source categories, including emissions units within these categories such as industrial boilers, process heaters, glass melting furnaces, cement kilns, lime kilns, furnaces used in steelmaking and aluminum melting, and fossil fuel-fired stationary boilers.

The IEPA states that it intends its proposal to satisfy Illinois' obligation to submit a State Implementation Plan to address the requirements under the federal Clean Air Act for major stationary sources of NO_x in areas designated as nonattainment with respect to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The IEPA indicates that NO_x is a primary precursor to the formation of ozone and is also a precursor to the formation of particulate matter that is 2.5 micrometers or smaller in size (PM_{2.5}).

After conducting one or more hearings on this proposal, the Board will consider whether to proceed to first notice.

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