

Board Adopts Final Rules to Reduce Nitrogen Oxides Emissions from Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and Turbines

On July 23, 2009, the Illinois Pollution Control Board approved its final order adopting regulations governing emission of nitrogen oxides (NO_x). The Board docketed the proposal as In the Matter of: Section 27 Proposed Rules for Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) Emissions From Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and Turbines: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211 and 217 (R07-19).

The adopted rules are intended to control NO_x 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 or 3.5 megawatts. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stated that these regulations would help Illinois meet Clean Air Act requirements for NO_x reasonably available control technology under the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone and would also improve air quality by reducing precursors of fine particulate matter.

At its meeting on July 14, 2009, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules considered the Board's second notice proposal and issued its "Certificate of No Objection."

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