

Board Adopts for First Notice Proposed Updates to Air Rules

On November 4, 2010, the Board adopted for first notice a proposal to amend Part 243 of the Board's air regulations to incorporate updated federal air quality standards for ozone, particulate matter, and lead. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the proposal on December 1, 2008. After conducting two public hearings in this matter and considering the entire record, the Board proposed for first notice the amendments to its air quality standards.

The proposed amendments are intended to update Part 243 of the Board's regulations to reflect federal air quality standards and to make technical corrections to Sections 217.388 and 223.205. The proposed changes are the result of a new National Ambient Air Quality Standards adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Publication of these proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will begin a 45-day public comment period, during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R09-19, should be indicated on the public comment.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629

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