

## **Board Adopts First Notice Proposal to Reduce Volatile Organic Material Emissions**

On January 5, 2012, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a first notice opinion and order amending the Board's regulations dealing with volatile organic material (VOM) emissions from various consumer products and aerosol coatings. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), on July 13, 2011, filed the proposal to amend Part 223 of the Board's air pollution regulations. The rulemaking is docketed as In the Matter of: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 223: Standards and Limitations for Organic Material Emissions for Area Sources (R12-8).

Specifically, the proposal seeks to amend Part 223 to "include limits in percent VOM by weight for adhesive removers, contact adhesives, non-aerosol antistatic products, electrical cleaners, engine degreasers, fabric refreshers, footwear or leather care products, graffiti removers, hair styling products, shaving gels, and wood cleaners." The IEPA expects that control of these additional categories will reduce VOM emissions in Illinois by one ton per day. The IEPA argues that "some of these reductions have already taken place due to nationwide compliance by many of the larger manufacturers of these products with the California or the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) rules." The IEPA also proposes a clarification of the existing Architectural and Industrial maintenance rule in order to clarify and simplify compliance.

The Board held two public hearings, one in Springfield and the other in Chicago, on the proposed amendments.

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, R12-08, 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](http://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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