

## **Board Submits to First-Notice Proposed Amendments to the Volatile Organic Material Emissions Control Regulations**

On March 17, 2011, the Illinois Pollution Control Board accepted for hearing and sent to first notice publication the rulemaking proposal docketed as In the Matter of: Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for Volatile Organic Material Emissions From Group II and Group IV Consumer & Commercial Products: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211, 218, and 219 (R11-23). The Illinois Environmental Protection (IEPA) filed this rulemaking on March 7, 2011 pursuant to authorities including the “fast-track” rulemaking provisions at Section 28.5 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act).

The IEPA proposes amending recently-promulgated regulations controlling the emission of volatile organic material (VOM) from the following Group II and Group IV Consumer and Commercial Product Categories: industrial cleaning solvents, flat wood paneling coatings, flexible packaging printing materials, lithographic printing materials, letter press printing materials, miscellaneous metal and plastic parts coatings, automobile and light-duty truck coatings, miscellaneous industrial adhesives, and fiberglass boat manufacturing materials. The IEPA proposes amendments to these regulations in response to comments by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Under Section 28.5, the Board is required to proceed toward adoption of the regulation by following strict deadlines. The first of those deadlines is that the Board must “within 14 days of receipt of the proposal” file for first notice publication and schedule all required hearings. Therefore, the Board accepted the proposal without commenting on the merits and directed the Clerk to file the proposal for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. In addition, the Board directed the hearing officer to schedule all hearings in this proceeding as required by Section 28.5.

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.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board’s Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained from the Clerk’s office upon payment of reproduction fees as prescribed by Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/6].

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