

## **The Board Accepts for Hearing An IEPA Proposal to Amend Rules for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators**

The Board, on January 6, 2011, accepted for hearing a proposed rulemaking to amend the Board's air quality standards rules for "Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (HMIWI). The proposed rulemaking is docketed as In the Matter of: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 229: Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators (R11-20).

On December 23, 2010, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the proposal with the Board. In its Statement of Reasons, the IEPA stated that this proposal reflects the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) October 2009 amendments to the federal air quality standards, including new source performance standards (NSPS), and emissions guidelines (EG). Proposed changes include revised emissions standards that are more stringent than existing ones, revised waste management plan provisions for greater flexibility in demonstrating compliance, and removal of an existing startup, shutdown, and malfunction provision.

The compliance date for the new rules would be January 1, 2014. The IEPA reports that the Stericycle, Inc. facility in Clinton is the only existing facility to which the proposed rules would apply.

The Board reserved ruling on a motion for expedited review because the time for participants to respond to the motion has not yet elapsed. IEPA explains that the federal Clean Air Act requires IEPA submission of a State Implementation Plan amendment to the USEPA concerning these amendments, to avoid USEPA's imposition of a Federal Implementation Plan two years after the date of federal adoption of the rules.

The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R11-20, 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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