

## **The Board Adopts For First Notice An IEPA Proposal to Amend Rules for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators**

The Board, on June 16, 2011, accepted for first notice 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 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 first notice proposal consists of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's (IEPA) original proposal, as amended by the May 25, 2011 and June 13, 2011 errata sheets, and the agreed-upon compliance dates presented at the June 8, 2011 hearing.

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.

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.

Additionally, the Board granted the motion for expedited review. Following the close of the post-hearing comment period following the second hearing on June 28, 2011, the Board will issue its second notice opinion and order summarizing the hearing testimony and post-hearing comments, and making any amendments justified by the record.

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

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 for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office

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