

The Board Adopts Second Notice Proposed Rules for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators

The Board, on August 18, 2011, adopted second-notice proposed amendments to the Board's air quality standards rules for "Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (HMIWI). The rulemaking is docketed as In the Matter of: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 229: Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators (R11-20). The Board will make every effort to submit the proposed rules to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) to allow for JCAR review at its September meeting, and Board adoption of final rules soon thereafter.

On December 23, 2010, the IEPA filed the proposal with the Board. In its Statement of Reasons, the IEPA stated that this rulemaking 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). 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 is January 1, 2014. The Stericycle, Inc. facility in Clinton, the only existing facility to which the rules apply, has testified that it believes it can comply with the rules as amended.

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