

Board Proposes First Notice Amendments to Rules on Sulfur Limitations, Nitrogen Oxides Emissions, and Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources

On May 7, 2015, the Board adopted an opinion and order proposing amendments to the Board's air pollution regulations for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency filed the amendments generally proposing to control emissions of sulfur dioxide in and around areas designated as nonattainment with respect to the 2010 sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The Agency's proposal will amend 35 Ill. Adm. Code 214, 217, and 225. The Board proceeded to first notice without review of the merits.

The Agency states that portions of its proposal are intended to satisfy Illinois' obligation to submit a State Implementation Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to address requirements under Sections 172, 191, and 192 of the Clean Air Act. The Agency further states that the proposed amendments would (1) establish sulfur content limitations for liquid fuels used by fuel combustion emission units throughout the State; (2) establish sulfur dioxide emission limitations for specific sources impacting a sulfur dioxide nonattainment area; (3) address the conversion of certain coal-fired electric generating units located in or near a sulfur dioxide nonattainment area to fuel other than coal; and (4) correct or update various existing provisions.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
John T. Therriault, Clerk
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) on the Board's Web site at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629. The docket number for this rulemaking, R15-21, should be indicated on the public comment.

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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