

Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Ambient Air Quality Standards

On May 10, 2018, the Board adopted final amendments to its ambient air quality standards at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243. The rule amendments are “identical in substance” to actions taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) that concern the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Specifically, during the second half of 2017, USEPA updated the *List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods* to include three new reference methods for particulate matter and one for carbon monoxide. The Board’s rulemaking is captioned National Ambient Air Quality Standards, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017), docket R18-15. Here is a link to the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the rule text. For more information, please contact Michael McCambridge at 312-814-6924 or Michael.McCambridge@Illinois.Gov.