

## **Board Proposes NAAQS Amendments for Public Comment**

On November 1, 2018, the Board proposed rule amendments that would keep Illinois' ambient air quality standards "identical in substance" to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The proposed amendments reflect actions taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency during the first half of 2018. Those actions include designating two new reference methods for nitrogen dioxide in ambient air and redesignating the Chicago and Granite City areas as attainment for the 2008 lead NAAQS. In addition, the Board proposes amending a Board note to list the areas where the 1971 NAAQS for sulfur dioxide no longer applies.

The Board rulemaking is captioned National Ambient Air Quality Standards, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018), docket R19-6. Here is a link to the Board's [opinion and order](#), which includes the proposed rule text. And, here is a link to the Board's [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Michael McCambridge at 312-814-6924 or [Michael.McCambridge@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Michael.McCambridge@Illinois.Gov).