

Board Adopts Rules Limiting VOM Emissions from Metro East Aerospace Operations

On March 4, 2021, the Board adopted amendments to Parts 211 and 219 of its air pollution regulations. The amended rules address volatile organic material (VOM) emissions from aerospace manufacturing and rework operations in the Metro East counties of Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair.

An emission source in the Metro East area intends to expand its aerospace facility. The expansion would subject the facility to general VOM emission limits for miscellaneous metal parts and products coating. Guidance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, however, recognizes that general emission limits are not appropriate for aerospace applications. Therefore, on October 5, 2020, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency proposed amendments to the Board that would ensure emission limits specific to aerospace operations apply to the expanded facility.

The Board's first-notice proposal was published in the *Illinois Register* on October 30, 2020 (44 Ill. Reg. 17146, 17190). After holding two public hearings and receiving public comment, the Board issued its second-notice opinion and order, sending the proposed amendments to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for review. At its meeting on February 17, 2021, JCAR issued its Certification of No Objection, subject only to a small number of revisions, which the Board included in the adopted rules.

The rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 219, Organic Material Emission Standards for the Metro East Area, and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211, Definitions and General Provisions, docket R21-18. Here is a link to the Board's [final opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox at 312-814-6085 or tim.fox@illinois.gov.