

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
February 17, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY) R21-16
STANDARDS, USEPA AMENDMENTS) (Identical-in-Substance Rulemaking - Air)
(July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020))

Proposed Rule. Dismissal Order.

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by B.F. Currie):

Section 10(H) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/10(H) (2020)) requires the Board to adopt ambient air quality standards that are identical in substance to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). 415 ILCS 5/7.2 (2020). USEPA has codified these NAAQS at 40 C.F.R. 50.

The Board reserved this docket for USEPA amendments to the NAAQS that occurred during the period between July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. During that time, USEPA took no action that requires Board action.

The Board notes that USEPA determined not to revise the NAAQS for particulate matter on December 18, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 82684) and not to revise the NAAQS for ozone on December 31, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 887256). Neither action requires Board attention.

Although USEPA updated its *List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods* to a December 15, 2020 version. USEPA superseded that version twice, on June 15, 2021 and December 15, 2021. Updating the incorporation by reference to the December 15, 2021 version in the R22-8 NAAQS update for the first half of 2021 will allow dismissing this reserved docket.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board dismisses this docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Don A. Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on February 17, 2022, by a vote of 5-0.



Don A. Brown, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board