

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR )  
QUALITY STANDARDS, USEPA ) No. R22-8  
AMENDMENTS (January 1 )  
through June 30, 2021.) )

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS taken at the  
Public Hearing of the above-entitled cause, held on  
Thursday, the 21st day of April, 2022, at the hour  
of 11:45 A.M., before GLORIA APOSTOLOS SIOLIDIS,  
C.S.R., License #084-001205, a Notary Public duly  
qualified and commissioned for the State of  
Illinois.

PRESENT:

MR. MICHAEL McCAMBRIDGE, Hearing Officer.

MS. ANNET GODIKSEN, IEPA.

MS. BARBARA FLYNN-CURRIE, Pollution Control  
Board.

1 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: The time is  
2 now 11:49. This hearing was noticed for 11:45.

3 My name is Mike McCambridge. I'm the  
4 Hearing Officer. With me attending is Chairman,  
5 Barbara Flynn occur he.

6 This is a hearing in the R 22-8  
7 National Ambient Air Quality Standards USEPA  
8 Amendments January 1st, 2021 through June 30th,  
9 2021.

10 This hearing is being held to satisfy  
11 the public hearing requirements of the Federal  
12 Clean Air Act.

13 We know that ultimately, IEPA will seek  
14 a state implementation plan revision based on what  
15 we're doing with this rule, and this hearing likely  
16 will obviate the Illinois EPA separately holding a  
17 hearing.

18 There's no other personnel here in  
19 Chicago. Could the persons present in Springfield  
20 identify for the record?

21 MS. GODIKSEN: Annet Godiksen, legal  
22 counsel for the Illinois EPA.

23 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Is there  
24 anyone else present?

1 MS. GODIKSEN: No.

2 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: I'll tell  
3 you, this crazy pandemic stuff that's hanging on  
4 forever has decimated the crowds.

5 But anyway, just to briefly recap what  
6 USEPA did that under license this.

7 March 4th, 2021 USEPA designated a new  
8 Federal Reference Method for sulphur dioxide in the  
9 ambient air.

10 On March 26th, 2021 USEPA issued its  
11 Round 4 area designations under the 2010 one-hour  
12 NAAQS for sulphur dioxide. That action  
13 redesignated Macon County from nonattainment to  
14 attainment/unclassifiable, effective April 30th of  
15 last year.

16 It designates the last area in Illinois  
17 under that NAAQS, which means that on April 30th,  
18 2022, the 1971 24-hour annual average NAAQS for  
19 sulphur dioxide no longer applies in any area of  
20 Illinois.

21 June 14th, 2021, USEPA revised the  
22 ambient air qualities for 13 Counties in six  
23 nonattainment areas in four states, including  
24 Illinois, under the 2015 primary and secondary

1 NAAQS for ozone. This does not affect the  
2 applicability of any standard in Illinois. The  
3 Board took note of that and will do nothing other.

4 On June 15th and December 15th, 2021,  
5 USEPA released an updated version of its List of  
6 Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods. Those  
7 two lists supersede, or the later supersedes the  
8 earlier, and they incorporate any actions that  
9 happened so that the March 4th, 2021 approval of  
10 the FRM is subsumed by these two.

11 The Board proposed Amendments in this  
12 on February 17th of this year. That proposal  
13 period in the Illinois Register on March 4th. And  
14 with it on that date appeared an Order noticing  
15 this hearing. And if I am not mistaken, there was  
16 also in the Notice an Extension of the deadline in  
17 this matter.

18 Considering the dates of the appearance  
19 in the Illinois Register of March 4th, the 45-day  
20 public comment period in this would have lapsed on  
21 April 18th; however, because of this hearing, we  
22 are going to delay Board action until the next  
23 Board Meeting on May 12th in order to allow  
24 opportunity for anyone to review, or obtain and

1 review the transcript of this hearing, and then  
2 submit any comments into the record.

3 So in order to facilitate adoption on  
4 May 12th, I would say right now that we should end  
5 or close the comment appeared on Monday, May 9th of  
6 this year.

7 That's all I have to say. Chairman  
8 Currie, do you have anything to add?

9 MS. FLYNN-CURRIE: I have nothing to add.

10 Sounds like we're well covered. We  
11 know what we're doing and we trust the public as  
12 paying close attention; and if they have anything  
13 to say to us, I hope they will.

14 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Do you have  
15 anything to say, Ms. Godiksen?

16 MS. GODIKSEN: We have one comment. And  
17 that's we wanted to note that there appeared to be  
18 an omission in the Opinion and Order.

19 On the page 2 discussion of the  
20 March 4th, 2021 Federal Register changes and then  
21 the subsequent references thereto, it appears that  
22 the Board admitted the new equivalent method, the  
23 FEM, for monitoring ambient air quality. We  
24 realize that doesn't change the attendant of facts

1 as is part of what was incorporated by reference,  
2 but we just wanted to note that.

3 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Are you  
4 saying that it was an FEM for SO2 and not an FRM  
5 for SO2?

6 MS. GODIKSEN: One of each.

7 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Oh, well,  
8 that will be fixed in any final Opinion and Order.

9 Like you said, it isn't material  
10 because the December 15th, 2021 List of Designated  
11 Reference and Equivalent Methods would include  
12 that. An updating the incorporation by reference  
13 to that document would embrace all actions on  
14 March 4th.

15 MS. GODIKSEN: Right.

16 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Thank you for  
17 pointing that out.

18 MS. GODIKSEN: You're welcome.

19 HEARING OFFICER McCAMBRIDGE: Nothing else,  
20 not from anyone? In that case, we adjourn.

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22 (Which were all the proceedings  
23 taken at the Public Hearing of  
24 the above-entitled cause.)

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
 ) SS.  
2 COUNTY OF DU PAGE)  
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4 I, GLORIA APOSTOLOS SIOLIDIS, C.S.R., duly  
5 qualified and commissioned for the State of Illinois,  
6 County of DuPage, do hereby certify that I reported  
7 in shorthand the proceedings had and testimony  
8 taken at the Public Hearing of the above-entitled  
9 cause, and that the foregoing transcript is a true, correct,  
10 and complete report of the entire testimony so  
11 taken at the time and place hereinabove set forth.  
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