

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY ) R24-15  
STANDARDS (NAAQS), USEPA ) (Identical-in-Substance  
AMENDMENTS (July 1, 2022, ) Rulemaking - Air)  
through December 31, 2022) )

THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD HEARING called for examination pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, as they apply to the taking of IPCB Hearings, taken before Megan Reed-Paholke, C.S.R., of said state, on April 18, 2024, at the hour of 11:30 a.m., conducted remotely.

A P P E A R A N C E S:

Ms. Vanessa Horton, Hearing Officer  
Ms. Barbara Flynn Currie, Board Chair  
Ms. Michelle Gibson, Board Member  
Ms. Jennifer Van Wie, Board Member  
Mr. Michael Mankowski, Board Member  
Ms. Gina Roccaforte, Illinois EPA

1 (Hearing start time: 11:30 a.m.)

2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: The time is  
3 11:30 a.m. My name is Vanessa Horton. I am the  
4 hearing officer for this rulemaking. With me is  
5 chair of the board, Barbara Flynn Currie; board  
6 member, Michelle Gibson; board member, Jennifer  
7 Van Wie; board member, Michael Mankowski;  
8 and -- in Springfield, we have board member  
9 Michael Mankowski and also a representative from  
10 the Illinois EPA, Gina Roccaforte.

11 This rulemaking is captioned:  
12 R24-15, National Ambient Air Quality Standards,  
13 USEPA Amendments, July 1, 2023 through  
14 December 31, 2023. This hearing is being held to  
15 satisfy the public hearing requirements of the  
16 Federal Clean Air Act. This is an identical and  
17 substance rulemaking under Section 7.2 and 10(H)  
18 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.  
19 Section 10(H) requires the Board to adopt  
20 standards that are identical in substance to the  
21 National Ambient Air Quality Standards adopted by  
22 USEPA under Section 109 of the Clean Air Act.

23 To briefly recap, USEPA actions  
24 during the time frame of July 1, 2023 through

1 December 31, 2023, USEPA, on October 12, 2023,  
2 updated the current ozone absorption  
3 cross-section to the recommended consensus-based  
4 cross-section value. The new value is 1.2 percent  
5 lower than the current value and reduces the  
6 uncertainty in the value.

7                   Second, on November 6th, 2023,  
8 USEPA updated its list of designated reference  
9 and equivalent methods to modify existing method  
10 designations and designated the new federal  
11 equivalent method for measuring concentrations of  
12 particulate matter in ambient air. The Board  
13 proposes to incorporate this new version of the  
14 list.

15                   On March 7, 2024, the Board issued  
16 the proposed rule change and a proposal for  
17 public comment. Notice of this hearing was  
18 published in 11 newspapers in different  
19 geographical locations throughout the state.  
20 This began a period of 45 days of public comment.  
21 The end of this comment period will be May 6th,  
22 2024. The Board may adopt this proposed change  
23 at its May 16th board meeting with a possible  
24 filing and effective date of May 17, 2024 and a

1 possible Illinois Register publication date of  
2 May 31st, 2024.

3 Notice of the hearing was  
4 published in the Chicago Sun-Times, the  
5 Belleville News-Democrat, the Rockford Register  
6 Star, State Journal Register, the Centralia and  
7 Mt. Vernon Morning Sentinels, the Metropolis  
8 Planet, the Peoria Journal Star, the Rock Island  
9 Argus, the News-Gazette, the Galena Gazette, and  
10 the News Tribune. All of these notice  
11 publications occurred before March 13th, 2024.

12 Does anybody here in Chicago or in  
13 Springfield have a comment on the proposed  
14 changes? All right. Hearing none, we adjourn  
15 this hearing at 11:33 a.m.

16 (Hearing end time: 11:33 a.m.)

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3 I, Megan M. Reed, a Certified Shorthand  
4 Reporter of the State of Illinois, do hereby  
5 certify that I reported in shorthand the  
6 proceedings had at the hearing aforesaid, and  
7 that the foregoing is a true, complete, and  
8 correct transcript of the proceedings of said  
9 hearing as appears from My stenographic notes so  
10 taken and transcribed under My personal  
11 direction.

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set  
13 My hand at Chicago, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
14 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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