

Board Proposes Non-Substantive Amendments to Air Pollution Rules

On June 6, 2024, the Board issued an order proposing, for public comment, non-substantive amendments to Illinois' air pollution rules. The proposed amendments are part of a larger undertaking by the Board to update its rules across multiple media and subject areas. The proposal will remove unnecessary language, replace outdated language, update statutory references, and reorganize provisions for clarity. The proposed amendments include revisions submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to delete obsolete provisions and make other non-substantive updates and corrections.

In its order, the Board welcomed public comment on all aspects of the proposal and specifically requested public comment on 167 enumerated items, organized by the Part of the air pollution rules within Subtitle B. The Board also directed the hearing officer to hold public hearings on the proposal this fall. The rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle B, docket R18-21. Here is the link to the Board's June 6, 2024 [order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments.

Since the Board issued its proposal for public comment, the hearing officer has scheduled two public hearings. The first hearing will be held in Springfield on October 3, 2024. The second hearing will be held in Chicago on November 7, 2024. Here is a link to the hearing officer's [notice and order](#), which includes deadlines for pre-filing testimony.

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