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POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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Dear DON BROWN

Your rules Listed below met our codification standards and have been published in Volume 48, Issue 38 of the Illinois Register, dated 9/20/2024.

OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE ILLINOIS REGISTER

Notice of Public Information

Point of Contact: Shannon Bilbruck

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PROPOSED RULES

Air Quality Standards

35 Ill. Adm. Code 243

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Sewer Discharge Criteria

35 Ill. Adm. Code 307

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If you have any questions, you may contact the Administrative Code Division at (217) 782 - 7017.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
PURSUANT TO 415 ILCS 5/10(H) and 1 ILCS 100/5-70(b)

Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing
for State Implementation Plan (SIP) Submittals
for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

The Pollution Control Board (Board) is accepting public comments and will conduct a public hearing on a prospective NAAQS SIP submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The Board will accept written comments on the proposed rule that will form the basis for the SIP proposal until 45 days after the Notice of Proposed Amendments appears in the *Illinois Register*. A public hearing will be held on November 7, 2024. The Board presently anticipates adoption of amendments to the Illinois ambient air quality standards no later than December 6, 2024.

Section 10(H) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) [415 ILCS 5/10(H)] requires the Board to do as follows:

[T]he Board shall adopt ambient air quality standards specifying the maximum permissible short-term and long-term concentrations of various contaminants in the atmosphere, those standards shall be identical in substance to the national ambient air quality standards promulgated by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with Section 109 of the Clean Air Act [(42 U.S.C. §7409 (2023))].

The USEPA NAAQS are codified at 40 C.F.R. §50. The Board is required to adopt those exemptions using the “identical in substance” rulemaking procedure of Section 7.2 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/7.2]. The Illinois listing of these compounds is codified at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243. On August 22, 2024, the Board adopted a proposal for public comment in docket R25-7 to initiate adoption of the latest USEPA amendments to and actions affecting the federal NAAQS during the first half of 2024.

March 6, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 16202)

USEPA revised the primary annual national ambient air quality standard for particulate matter PM_{2.5} from 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³, 3.0 micrograms per cubic meter stronger than the current annual standard. The USEPA retained the current standards for primary 24-hour PM_{2.5} (35 µg/m³), secondary annual PM_{2.5} (35 µg/m³), and secondary 24-hour PM_{2.5} (15 µg/m³). The USEPA set the stronger standard due to human health effects of PM_{2.5} associated with long and short-term exposures to PM_{2.5} in ambient air.

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