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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Illinois Pollution Control Board gives notice of public hearing regarding rule changes proposed by the Board on January 8, 2026: National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024), National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025), National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025), R25-15 cons. R26-7, R26-15. Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing or to submit written comments. The docket would update the Illinois ambient air quality requirements to correspond with amendments to the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) adopted during the second half of 2024 and the first half of 2025. The proposed amendment it will ultimately result in submission to the USEPA of an amendment to the state implementation plan (SIP). Section 110(a)(2) of the Federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7410(a)(2) (2024)) requires reasonable notice and hearing before a state undertakes an amendment to the SIP. Interested persons are invited to attend the hearings or to submit written comments. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 11:10 a.m. at the Illinois Room, 555 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois and the Board Conference Room 1.508, 2520 West Iles Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The hearing is subject to cancellation without notice and may be confirmed by calling the Office of the Clerk at 312/814-3461. A copy of the proposal for public comment is available for public inspection on the Board's website at <http://www.pcb.illinois.gov/>, the Clerk's Office, Pollution Control Board, 60 East Van Buren, Suite 630, Chicago, Illinois 60605 and at the Metropolis Public Library, 317 Metropolis Street, Metropolis, Illinois. Written public comments will be considered if submitted to the Clerk's Office at the address above.

Barbara Flynn Currie  
Chairman





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Project Hope co-managers Karly Burk, left, and Katie Bennett show the matching \$10,000 check received from Tiny the Chihuahua's owner for the 2025 Tiny's Memorial Challenge. This year's fundraiser raised a total of \$49,000 for the no-kill animal shelter.

## Tiny's Challenge generates \$49,000 for Project Hope

**METROPOLIS** — When it came to answering the 2025 Tiny's Memorial Challenge, it was to the tune of \$39,000.

And with that amount accomplished, Tiny the Chihuahua's owner kicked in an annual match of \$10,000, making \$49,000 the total amount raised for Project Hope Humane Society.

Project Hope board member Susan Howell said this year's challenge raised almost the same as in 2023.

To help toward the challenge, which was held in November and December, Project Hope board members worked during the holiday season to raise the funds in various ways, includ-

ing holding a Christmas bazaar, selling T-shirts and holding online fundraisers.

Howell said the fundraiser reflects the generosity and spirit of Tiny and her owner and their care for the shelter's animals. In addition to the challenge, Tiny's owner also assisted the shelter last year by helping pay for a new HVAC unit with the nearly 20-year-old system gave out.

"We were so grateful to her and also the owner of Triangle HVAC, JP Kelly, who paid for the other half. We are so grateful to have such generous donors," Howell said.

Project Hope receives no state or federal funding. Tiny's Christmas Challenge began in 2013

by Tiny the Chihuahua as a challenge to all animal lovers to donate to Project Hope during the Christmas season. When Tiny, who as a rescue dog, passed away in May 2023 at 17, the fundraiser became Tiny's Memorial Challenge.

"We want to thank everyone who donated in Tiny's name, helping her spirit live on," said Karly Burk, who co-manages the shelter with her sister Katie Bennett.

Project Hope accepts monetary and supply donations year round. Checks can be mailed to Project Hope, P.O. Box 125, Metropolis, IL 62960. The shelter located at 1698 W. 10th St., Metropolis, and open Tuesday through Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

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