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Good morning, Mr. Clerk,

Please docket both this email chain with JCAR staff and the attachment as a public comment in R25-15, R26-7, & R26-15 (consol.).

Thank you.

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From: McGill, Richard
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Subject: RE: JCAR comments on 35-243 exempt

Good morning, Toby,

Attached are Board staff responses to the comments of JCAR staff.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you.

Best regards,

Richard

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Subject: [External] JCAR comments on 35-243 exempt

Hi Richard,

See attached. Thanks!

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TITLE 35: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SUBTITLE B: AIR POLLUTION

CHAPTER I: POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

SUBCHAPTER I: AIR QUALITY STANDARDS AND EPISODES

PART 243

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS

SUBPART A: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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243.101	Definitions
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243.105	Air Quality Monitoring Data Influenced by Exceptional Events
243.106	Monitoring (Repealed)
243.107	Reference Conditions
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SUBPART B: STANDARDS AND MEASUREMENT METHODS

Section

243.120	PM10 and PM2.5
243.121	Particulates (Repealed)
243.122	Sulfur Oxides (Sulfur Dioxide)
243.123	Carbon Monoxide
243.124	Nitrogen Oxides (Nitrogen Dioxide as Indicator)
243.125	Ozone
243.126	Lead

243.APPENDIX A	Rule into Section Table (Repealed)
243.APPENDIX B	Section into Rule Table (Repealed)
243.APPENDIX C	Past Compliance Dates (Repealed)
243.TABLE A	Schedule for Flagging and Documentation Submission for Data Influenced by Exceptional Events for Use in Initial Area Designations (Repealed)

AUTHORITY: Implementing Sections 7.2 and 10 and authorized by Section 27 of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/7.2, 10, and 27].

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SOURCE: Adopted as Chapter 2: Air Pollution, Part III: Air Quality Standards, in R71-23, filed and effective April 14, 1972; amended in R80-11, at 6 Ill. Reg. 5804, effective April 22, 1982; amended in R82-12, at 7 Ill. Reg. 9906, effective August 18, 1983; codified at 7 Ill. Reg. 13630; amended in R91-35 at 16 Ill. Reg. 8185, effective May 15, 1992; amended in R09-19 at 35 Ill. Reg. 18857, effective October 25, 2011; amended in R13-11 at 37 Ill. Reg. 12882, effective July 29, 2013; amended in R14-6 at 37 Ill. Reg. 19848, effective November 27, 2013; amended in R14-16 at 38 Ill. Reg. 12900, effective June 9, 2014; amended in R15-4 at 39 Ill. Reg. 5434, effective March 24, 2015; amended in R16-2 at 40 Ill. Reg. 4906, effective March 3, 2016; amended in R17-1 at 41 Ill. Reg. 1121, effective January 23, 2017; amended in R17-10 at 41 Ill. Reg. 13413, effective October 23, 2017; amended in R18-15 at 42 Ill. Reg. 9308, effective May 29, 2018; amended in R19-6 at 43 Ill. Reg. 3034, effective February 19, 2019; amended in R19-14/R20-3/R20-11 at 44 Ill. Reg. 14223, effective August 18, 2020; amended in R21-1 at 45 Ill. Reg. 337, effective December 17, 2020; amended in R22-8 at 46 Ill. Reg. 9068, effective May 18, 2022; amended in R23-15 at 47 Ill. Reg. 14814, effective October 5, 2023; amended in R24-15 at 48 Ill. Reg. 8097, effective May 3, 2024; amended in R25-7 at 48 Ill. Reg. 17597, effective November 21, 2024; amended in R25-15/R26-7/R26-15 at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 243.108 Incorporations by Reference

The following materials are incorporated by reference. These incorporations do not include any later amendments or editions:

Government Printing Office (GPO), Washington, DC 20401, 202-783-3238, www.govinfo.gov/. The following documents incorporated by reference are available from this source:

Appendix A-1 to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Measurement Principle and Calibration Procedure for the Measurement of Sulfur Dioxide in the Atmosphere (Ultraviolet Fluorescence Method)), referenced in Section 243.122.

Appendix A-2 to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Method for the Determination of Sulfur Dioxide in the Atmosphere (Pararosaniline Method)), referenced in Section 243.122.

Appendix B to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Method for the Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter in the Atmosphere (High-Volume Method)), referenced in appendix G to 40 CFR 50 (see below).

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Appendix C to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Measurement Principle and Calibration Procedure for the Measurement of Carbon Monoxide in the Atmosphere (Non-Dispersive Infrared Photometry)), referenced in Section 243.123.

Appendix D to 40 CFR 50 ((2024) as amended in 88 Fed. Reg. 70598 (Oct 12, 2023)) (Reference Measurement Principle and Calibration Procedure for the Measurement of Ozone in the Atmosphere), referenced in Section 243.125.

Appendix F to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Measurement Principle and Calibration Procedure for the Measurement of Nitrogen Dioxide in the Atmosphere (Gas Phase Chemiluminescence)), referenced in Section 243.124.

Appendix G to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Method for the Determination of Lead in Suspended Particulate Matter Collected from Ambient Air), referenced in Section 243.126.

Appendix J to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Method for the Determination of Particulate Matter as PM_{10} in the Atmosphere), referenced in Section 243.120.

Appendix K to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Interpretation of the Primary and Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter), referenced in Section 243.120.

Appendix L to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Method for the Determination of Fine Particulate Matter as $PM_{2.5}$ in the Atmosphere), referenced in Section 243.120.

Appendix N to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Interpretation of the Primary and Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter), referenced in Section 243.120.

Appendix O to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Method for the Determination of Coarse Particulate Matter as $PM_{10-2.5}$ in the Atmosphere), referenced in appendix Q to 40 CFR 50 and for use in

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federally required monitoring by the NCore system pursuant to 40 CFR 58.

Appendix P to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Interpretation of the Primary and Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone), referenced in Section 243.125.

Appendix Q to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Reference Method for the Determination of Lead in Particulate Matter as PM10 Collected from Ambient Air), referenced in appendix R to 40 CFR 50.

Appendix R to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Interpretation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead), referenced in Section 243.126.

Appendix S to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Interpretation of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen (Nitrogen Dioxide)), referenced in Section 243.124.

Appendix T to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Interpretation of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Sulfur (Sulfur Dioxide)), referenced in Section 243.122.

Appendix U to 40 CFR 50 (2024) (Interpretation of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone), referenced in Section 243.125.

Clean Air Act, 42 USC 7401 et seq. (2023) (for definitions of terms only), referenced in Section 243.101.

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BOARD NOTE: Segments of the Code of Federal Regulations and the United States Code are available for free download as PDF documents from the GPO FDsys website: www.govinfo.gov/.

USEPA, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Human Exposure & Atmospheric Sciences Division (MD-D205-03), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711. The following documents incorporated by reference are available from this source:

“List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods” (~~December 15, June 15, 2025~~2024) (referred to as the “List of Designated Methods”)

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and referenced in Sections 243.101, 243.120, 243.122, 243.123, 243.124, 243.125, and 243.126.

BOARD NOTE: The List of Designated Methods is available for free download as a PDF document from the USEPA, Technology Transfer, Ambient Monitoring Technology Information Center website:

https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-12/amtic-list-december-2025_508-compliant.pdf

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-06/amtic-list-june-2024-update.pdf>.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 243.122 Sulfur Oxides (Sulfur Dioxide)

- a) 1971 Secondary Three-Hour NAAQS for Sulfur Oxides (as SO₂)
 - 1) The level of the 1971 secondary three-hour NAAQS for sulfur oxides is 0.5 ppm, not to be exceeded more than once per calendar year. The three-hour averages must be determined from successive non-overlapping three-hour blocks starting at midnight each calendar day and must be rounded to one decimal place (fractional parts equal to or greater than 0.05 ppm must be rounded up).
 - 2) Sulfur oxides must be measured in the ambient air as SO₂ by the FRM described in appendix A-2 to 40 CFR 50, incorporated by reference in Section 243.108, or by an FEM designated by USEPA and listed in List of Designated Methods, incorporated by reference in Section 243.108.
 - 3) To demonstrate attainment, the second-highest three-hour average must be based upon hourly data that are at least 75 percent complete in each calendar quarter. A three-hour block average must be considered valid only if all three hourly averages for the three-hour period are available. If only one or two hourly averages are available, but the three-hour average would exceed the level of the standard when zeros are substituted for the missing values, subject to the rounding rule of subsection (b)(1), this must be considered a valid three-hour average. In all cases, the three-hour block average must be computed as the sum of the hourly averages divided by three.

Commented [A3]: Did the Board intend to strike this?

Commented [A4R3]: No, the Board's proposal added this updated link. The Board intended to strike the existing, outdated link ("https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-06/amtic-list-june-2024-update.pdf") and plans to do so at final adoption.

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BOARD NOTE: This subsection (a) is derived from 40 CFR 50.5.

- b) 2010 Primary One-Hour NAAQS for Sulfur Oxides (as SO₂)
- 1) The level of the 2010 primary one-hour NAAQS for sulfur oxides is 75 ppb, measured in the ambient air as SO₂.
 - 2) The 2010 one-hour primary NAAQS for sulfur oxides is met at an ambient air quality monitoring site when the three-year average of the annual (99th percentile) of the daily maximum one-hour average concentrations is less than or equal to 75 ppb, as determined in accordance with appendix T of 40 CFR 50, incorporated by reference in Section 243.108.
 - 3) The level of the 2010 one-hour primary NAAQS for sulfur oxides must be measured by an FRM based on appendix A-1 or A-2 of 40 CFR 50, incorporated by reference in Section 243.108, or by an FEM designated by USEPA and listed in List of Designated Methods, incorporated by reference in Section 243.108.

BOARD NOTE: This subsection (b) is derived from 40 CFR 50.17.

c) National secondary ambient air quality standards for sulfur oxides (sulfur dioxide)

- 1) The level of the annual secondary national ambient air quality standard for oxides of sulfur is 10 parts per billion (ppb), measured in the ambient air as sulfur dioxide (SO₂) by a reference method described in appendix A-1 and appendix A-2 to 40 CFR 50, incorporated by reference in section 243.108, or by a Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) designated by USEPA and listed in List of Designated Methods, incorporated by reference in Section 243.108.
- 2) The annual secondary standard is met when the 3-year average of the annual SO₂ concentration is less than or equal to 10 ppb, as described in compliance with appendix T incorporated by reference in Section 243.108.

BOARD NOTE: This subsection (c) is derived from 40 CFR 50.21

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Commented [A10R9]: Yes, agree.

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