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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY R25-15
STANDARDS (NAAQS), USEPA
AMENDMENTS (July 1, 2024, 2024,
through December 30, 30, 202)

NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY R26-7
STANDARDS (NAAQS), USEPA
AMENDMENTS (January 1, 2025,
through June 1, 2025)

NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY R26-15
STANDARDS (NAAQS), USEPA
AMENDMENTS (July 1, 2024,
through December 31, 2025)

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HEARING

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2026
TIME: 11:10 a.m.
BEFORE: Hearing Officer Joan Beacom
LOCATION: State of Illinois
555 West Monroe Street, Illinois Room
Chicago, IL 60661
REPORTED BY: Haley Goodwin
JOB NO.: 7860275

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A P P E A R A N C E S

ALSO PRESENT:

Barbara Flynn Currie, Board Chair

Michelle Gibson, Board Member

Jennifer Van Wie, Board Member

Michael Mankowski, Board Member (by
videoconference)

Angela Tin, Board Member (by videoconference)

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: The time is
3 11:10 a.m. on March 5, 2026. My name is Joan Beacom.
4 I'm the hearing officer for this rulemaking.

5 With me is Chair of the Board, Barbara
6 Flynn Currie, Member Michelle Gibson, Member Jennifer
7 Van Wie, and via Springfield, Member Mike Mankowski
8 and Member Angela Tin.

9 This rulemaking is captioned R25-15
10 consolidated with R26-7 and R26-15, National Ambient
11 Air Quality Standards USEPA Amendments from July 1,
12 2024, through December 31, 2025.

13 This hearing is being held to satisfy
14 the public hearing requirements of the Federal Clean
15 Air Act.

16 This is an Identical in Substance
17 rulemaking under Section 7.2 and 10(H) of the Illinois
18 Environmental Protection Act. Section 10(H) requires
19 the Board to adopt standards that are identical in
20 substance to the National Ambient Air Quality
21 Standards adopted by the USEPA under Section 109 of
22 the Clean Air Act.

23 To briefly recap USEPA's actions
24 between July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025:

1 First, on December 17, 2024, USEPA
2 revised the standard for secondary sulfur dioxide to
3 an annual average, averaged over three consecutive
4 years, with a level of 10 parts per billion. USEPA
5 set the stronger standard due to human health effects
6 associated with long- and short-term exposures to
7 sulfur dioxide in ambient air.

8 Next, on April 7, 2025, USEPA
9 designated two new Federal Equivalent Methods, one for
10 measuring concentrations of PM2.5 and one for
11 measuring concentrations of PM10-2.5 in ambient air.

12 On September 5, 2025, USEPA designated
13 one new equivalent method for measuring sulfur
14 dioxide, one new reference for measuring nitrogen
15 dioxide, and one new equivalent method for measuring
16 PM10-2.5 in ambient air.

17 Finally, on December 15, 2025, USEPA
18 modified its List of Designated Reference and
19 Equivalent methods to include the new methods
20 published on April 7th and September 5, 2025. The
21 Board proposes to incorporate the December 15, 2025,
22 version of the list and its rules.

23 On January 8, 2026, the Board issued
24 the proposed rule change and a proposal for public

1 comment. This began a period of 45 days of public
2 comment, which ends March 15, 2026. The Board has not
3 received any comments to date. The Board plans on
4 adopting -- the Board plans on adopting proposed
5 changes at its April 2, 2026, Board meeting with a
6 possible filing and effective date of April 2, 2026,
7 and a possible Illinois Register publication date of
8 April 17, 2026.

9 Notice of the hearing was published in
10 eleven newspapers with various geographical locations,
11 including the Chicago Sun Times, News-Gazette, Moline
12 Dispatch-Argus, Rockford Register Star, Belleville
13 News Democrat, Metropolis Planet, New Tribune, State
14 Journal Register, Peoria Journal Star, Morning
15 Sentinel, and Galena Gazette. All notices published
16 before January 18th of 2026.

17 Does anyone here in Chicago or
18 Springfield have a comment on the proposed change?

19 Hearing none, we will adjourn this
20 hearing at 11:14 a.m.

21 (Whereupon, at 11:14 a.m., the
22 proceeding was concluded.)
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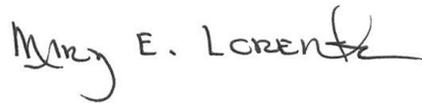


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Article II, Part E

Rule 207, Signing and Filing Depositions

Signing and Filing Depositions

(a) Submission to Deponent; Changes; Signing.
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(b) Certification, Filing, and Notice of Filing.

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