

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
March 26, 2026

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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PROPOSED 35 ILL. ADM. CODE SUBTITLE ) R 26-17  
K: RECYCLABLE, RECLAIMABLE, OR ) (Rulemaking – Land)  
REUSEABLE WASTES, CHAPTER I )  
POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, PART 1220 )  
MANAGEMENT OF USED EV BATTERIES )

**HEARING OFFICER ORDER**

On March 19, 2026, the Board held the first hearing in this rulemaking proceeding by videoconference between the Illinois Room, 555 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Conference Room 1.005, 2520 West Iles Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. The hearing focused on pre-filed testimony and questions from the Board and participants.

As of the date of this order, the transcript of the March 19, 2026 hearing is not yet available. The transcript is expected to be available on or before April 6, 2026, at which time it will be posted to the Clerk’s Office On-Line (COOL) for review and download.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the schedule previously established in the Board’s January 29, 2026 hearing officer order was reiterated on the record, with the addition that written responses to matters raised during the first hearing may be filed. That schedule is restated here for convenience:

- **May 5, 2026:** Written responses to matters raised during the first hearing may be filed by this date. Additionally, participants intending to testify at the second hearing must pre-file their testimony and any related exhibits by this date.
- **May 19, 2026:** Pre-filed questions are due.
- **May 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.:** Pre-filed answers are due.
- **June 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.:** The Board will hold the second hearing by videoconference between the Illinois Room, 555 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, and Conference Room 1.005, 2520 West Iles Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. A portion of the second hearing will be reserved for public comment.

The Board requested that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) conduct an economic impact study of the proposed rule. Any response received from DCEO will be addressed at the second hearing.

The Board will set any post-hearing public comment deadline at or following the second hearing.

The following exhibits were admitted into the record at the March 19, 2026 hearing:

1. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) witness Vishnu Srinivasaraghavan's pre-filed testimony (February 17, 2026).
2. Board's pre-filed questions (March 3, 2026).
3. IEPA's pre-filed answers (March 19, 2026).

The Board filed pre-filed questions for the first hearing on March 3, 2026, which was also the established deadline. IEPA, in its pre-filed answers and at the March 19, 2026 hearing, referenced March 6, 2026; however, March 3, 2026, is the correct date for all subsequent references. While the transcript is not yet available, the docket and the Board's March 3, 2026 order reflect the accurate filing date.

All filings in this proceeding will be available on the Board's website at <https://pcb.illinois.gov> in the rulemaking docket [R26-17](#). Unless the Board, hearing officer, Clerk, or procedural rules provide otherwise, all documents in this proceeding must be filed electronically through the [Clerk's Office On-Line](#). 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.302(h), 101.1000(c), 101.Subpart J.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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