

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
August 20, 1998

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
 )  
DEFINITION OF VOM UPDATE, ) R99-5  
USEPA REGULATIONS (January 1, 1998, ) (Identical-in-Substance  
through June 30, 1998) ) Rulemaking - Air)

Proposed Rule. Dismissal Order.

ORDER OF THE BOARD (by G.T. Girard):

Section 9.1(e) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) requires the Board to adopt regulations which are "identical in substance," as defined at Section 7.2 of the Act, to exemptions from the definition of "volatile organic material" (VOM) those compounds that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has found to be exempted from regulation under state implementation plans for ozone due to negligible photochemical reactivity. USEPA has codified these exemptions as part of its definition at 40 C.F.R. 51.100(s). Accordingly, the Board reserved this docket for USEPA amendments during the period from January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998.

During the period from January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998, USEPA amended its definition of VOM on April 9, 1998, at 63 Fed. Reg. 17331, to add methyl acetate to the list of chemical species that are exempted from the definition of VOM and, hence, are exempted from regulation for control of ozone precursors. The Board added this compound to its action in docket R98-17, which adopted on July 6, 1998. USEPA made no further amendments to its definition of VOM during the timeframe of the present docket.

For the foregoing reasons, the Board hereby dismisses this proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, do hereby certify that the above order was adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998 by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dorothy M. Gunn, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board