

## 1 ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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3 IN THE MATTER OF

4 NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

5 STANDARDS, USEPA AMENDMENTS

6 JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH

7 JULY 1, 2024

8 DOCKET NO. R25-7

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11 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had in the  
12 above-entitled hearing before Hearing Officer  
13 Vanessa Horton, at Michael A. Bilandic Building,  
14 160 North LaSalle Street, Room N-505, Chicago,  
15 Illinois, on November 7, 2024, at the hour of  
16 11:20 a.m.

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BOARD CHAIR BARBARA FLYNN CURRIE

BOARD MEMBER MICHAEL MANKOWSKI

1 HEARING OFFICER HORTON: The time is 11:20 on  
2 November 7th, 2024.

3 My name is Vanessa Horton, I am the  
4 acting hearing officer for this rulemaking.

5 With me is Chair of the Board  
6 Barbara Flynn Currie in Chicago, and in  
7 Springfield Board Member Michael Mankowski.

8 This rulemaking is captioned R25-7  
9 National Ambient Air Quality Standards USEPA  
10 Amendments January 1st, 2024, through July 1st,  
11 2024.

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

15 This is an identical-in-substance  
16 rulemaking under Section 7.2 and 10(h) of the  
17 Illinois Environmental Protection Act.

18 Section 10(h) requires that the Board --  
19 requires the Board to adopt standards that are  
20 identical in substance to the National Ambient Air  
21 Quality Standards adopted by USEPA under  
22 Section 109 of the Clean Air Act.

23 To briefly recap, USEPA actions during  
24 the timeframe of January 1st through July 1st of

1 2024, USEPA on March 6th of 2024 revised the  
2 standards of Primary Annual Particulate Matter 2.5  
3 from 12 to 9 milligram per cubic meter.

4 USEPA set the stronger standards due to  
5 human health effects associated with long and  
6 short term exposures to Particulate Matter 2.5 in  
7 ambient air.

8 Second, on June 12th, 2024, USEPA adopted  
9 its list -- updated its list of designated  
10 reference and equivalent methods to include one  
11 new method for measuring concentrations of ozone  
12 in ambient air.

13 The Board proposes to incorporate the  
14 June 12th, 2024, version of the list in its rules.

15 On September 5th, 2024, the Board issued  
16 the proposed rule change and proposal for public  
17 comment. Notice of this hearing was published in  
18 11 newspapers in different geographical locations  
19 throughout the state. This began the period of 45  
20 days of public comment. The end of this comment  
21 period was November 3rd, 2024.

22 The Board has not received any comments  
23 to-date.

24 The Board plans on adopting these

1 proposed changes at its November 21st Board  
2 meeting with a possible filing and effective date  
3 of November 21st and a possible Illinois register  
4 publication date of December 6th.

5 Notice of the hearing was published in  
6 the Chicago Sun-Times, the Belleville  
7 News-Democrat, the Rockford Register Star, the  
8 State Journal-Register, the Centralia and  
9 Mount Vernon Morning Sentinel, Metropolis Planet,  
10 the Peoria Journal Star, The News-Gazette, the  
11 Galena Gazette, Moline Dispatch, and the LaSalle  
12 News Tribune. All of these notice publications  
13 occurred before September 27, 2024.

14 Does anyone here in Chicago or in  
15 Springfield have comments on proposed changes?

16 Hearing none, we will adjourn this  
17 hearing at 11:23 a.m.

18 Thanks, everyone.

19 (The hearing concluded at 11:23 a.m.)  
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1 I, PAMELA S. MORGAN, Certified Shorthand  
2 Reporter in the State of Illinois, do hereby  
3 certify that the above Illinois Pollution Control  
4 Board hearing was recorded stenographically by me  
5 and was reduced to typewritten form by means of  
6 Computer-Aided Transcription.

7 I further certify that the foregoing  
8 transcript is a true, correct, and complete record  
9 of all proceedings had before me.

10 I further certify that I am not a  
11 relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of  
12 the parties, nor financially interested directly  
13 or indirectly in this action.

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