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December 5, 2024

POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
DON BROWN  
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Dear DON BROWN

Your rules Listed below met our codification standards and have been published in Volume 48, Issue 49 of the Illinois Register, dated 12/6/2024.

### ADOPTED RULES

Air Quality Standards	
35 Ill. Adm. Code 243	17597
Point of Contact: Shannon Bilbruck	
Sewer Discharge Criteria	
35 Ill. Adm. Code 307	17609
Point of Contact: Shannon Bilbruck	

If you have any questions, you may contact the Administrative Code Division at (217) 782 - 7017.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED AMENDMENTS

- 1) Heading of the Part: Air Quality Standards
- 2) Code Citation: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243
- 3) 

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Adopted Actions:</u>
243.108	Amendment
243.120	Amendment
- 4) Statutory 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].
- 5) Effective date of rule: **NOV 21 2024**
- 6) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 7) Does this rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? Yes
- 8) Statement of availability: The adopted rulemaking, a copy of the Board's opinion and order adopted November 21, 2024, in docket R25-7, and all materials incorporated by reference are on file at the Board's principal office and are available for public inspection and copying.
- 9) Notice of proposal published in the Illinois Register: 48 Ill. Reg. 13877; September 20, 2024
- 10) Has JCAR issued a Statement of Objections to these rules? Section 10(H) of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/10(H)] provides that Section 5-35 of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100/5-35] does not apply to this rulemaking. Because this rulemaking is not subject to Section 5-35 of the APA, it is not subject to First Notice or to Second Notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).
- 11) Differences between the proposal and the final version: There were no changes from the proposal to the final version.
- 12) Have all the changes agreed upon by the board and JCAR been made as indicated in the agreements issued by JCAR? Section 10(H) of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/10(H)] provides that Section 5-35 of the Administrative Procedure Act [5 ILCS 100/5-35] does not apply to this rulemaking. Because this rulemaking is not subject to

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- 13) Will this rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 14) Are there any other rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 15) Summary and purpose of rulemaking: The following briefly describes the subjects and issues involved in this rulemaking. A comprehensive description is contained in the Board's opinion and order of September 5, 2024, proposing amendments in docket R25-7 for public comment, which opinion and order is available from the address below. As is explained in that opinion, the Board will receive public comment on the proposed amendment for 45 days from the date it appears in the Illinois Register before proceeding to adopt amendment based on this proposal.

The docket in the R25-7 proceeding relates to the Illinois ambient air quality requirements in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243 of the Illinois air pollution control rules. This amendment would update the Illinois ambient air quality requirements to correspond with amendments to the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQSs) that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) adopted during the first half of 2024. The Federal NAAQS are codified at 40 C.F.R. 50. During this period, USEPA amended implementation of its NAAQSs as follows:

March 6, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 16202)

USEPA revised the primary annual national ambient air quality standard for particulate matter PM<sub>2.5</sub> from 12.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 9.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, 3.0 micrograms per cubic meter stronger than the current annual standard. The USEPA retained the current standards for primary 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> (35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>), secondary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> (35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>), and secondary 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> (15 µg/m<sup>3</sup>). The USEPA set the stronger standard due to human health effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> associated with long and short-term exposures to PM<sub>2.5</sub> in ambient air.

June 12, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 49874)

USEPA designated a new *Federal Equivalent Method* for measuring concentrations of ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) in ambient air on June 12, 2024, and modified existing method designations in its *List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods (List)* on June 15, 2024. The Board's rules incorporate the December 15, 2023 version of the List by reference. Updating the incorporation by reference to the June 15, 2024 version incorporates the June 12, 2024 amendment noticed in the Federal Register.

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- 16) Information and questions regarding this adopted rulemaking shall be directed to: Please reference consolidated docket R25-7 and direct inquiries to the following person:

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Request copies of the Board's opinion and order at 312-814-3620 or download a copy from the Board's Website at <https://pcb.illinois.gov/>.

The full text of the adopted amendments begin on the next page: