

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

January 29, 2001

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
PROPOSED MTBE GROUNDWATER) R01-14
QUALITY STANDARDS AMENDMENTS:) (Rulemaking - Water)
35 ILL. ADM. CODE 620)

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES:

FIRST HEARING:

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2001*

2:00 P.M

Illinois Pollution Control Board Conference Room

600 S. 2nd Street, Fourth Floor

Springfield, Illinois 62704

*Hearing may be continued at this location on March 2, 2001, starting at 9:30 am in the same room.

SECOND HEARING:

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2001**

1:30 P.M.

James R. Thompson Center

Room 8-033

100 West Randolph Street

Chicago, Illinois 60601

** Hearing may be continued at this location on April 6, 2001, starting at 9:30 am in Room 9-040 of the James R. Thompson Center.

PURPOSE OF HEARINGS: Merit and Economic

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HEARING OFFICER ORDER:

The Board accepted this matter for hearing on September 7, 2000.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) is proposing amendments to the Board's existing groundwater quality regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620. In response to the growing number of detections of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) in community groundwater supplies and increased health concerns, the Agency is proposing to adopt groundwater quality standards for MTBE. In addition, the Agency is proposing certain amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.505 which are intended to assure Class I Potable Resource Groundwater protection to certain existing drinking water supply wells. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the Agency's proposed language for Docket R01-14 can find it at the Board's World Wide Web site (www.ipcb.state.il.us).

Two hearings are scheduled. Prefiling of testimony is strongly encouraged but not required. For the first hearing, all prefiled testimony must be received by the Board on or before 4:30 pm on Thursday, February 22, 2001. For the second hearing, all prefiled testimony must be received by the Board on or before 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 29, 2001. The "mailbox rule" as set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.300(b)(2) does not apply to either of these filings.¹ Prefiled testimony must be sent simultaneously to all persons on the Service List. Persons may receive a copy of the Service List by contacting the hearing officer or the Clerk's Office.

The hearings which are scheduled to commence on March 1, 2001, and April 5, 2001, may be continued to the following day on the record at the end of the hearing day if necessary. Interested persons should not plan on presenting testimony on March 2, 2001, or on April 6, 2001 unless specifically authorized to do so by the hearing officer on or before March 1 or April 5, respectively.

The Board will reserve time at the second hearing on April 5, 2001, for testimony regarding economic impact considerations.

The Board has scheduled concurrent hearings in two other matters that may be of interest to persons on the R01-14 notice list. In Docket R01-26, Amendments to Regulation of Petroleum Leaking Underground Storage Tanks: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 732, the Agency is proposing to clarify and refine certain provisions in the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program. Included in the proposed amendments is the addition of MTBE as an indicator contaminant in gasoline. Persons interested in Docket R01-14 should contact Hearing Officer Joel Sternstein for more information and to be placed on the notice/service lists.

In Docket R01-27, Site Remediation Program Amendments: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 740, the Agency is proposing to update and clarify the existing Site Remediation Program and add MTBE to the Volatile Organics Analytical Parameters list in the Appendix. Persons interested

¹ The Board's new procedural rules went into effect on January 1, 2001.

in Docket R01-27 should contact Hearing Officer Bobb Beauchamp for more information or to be placed on the notice/service lists. Mr. Beauchamp can be reached by phone at (312) 814-6926, by email at beauchab@ipcb.state.il.us, or by mail at Illinois Pollution Control Board, James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500, Chicago, IL 60601.

The text of the Agency proposals for Dockets R01-26 and R01-27 is on the Board's Web site.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Joel J. Sternstein
Hearing Officer