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ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

April 14, 2005

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DEFINITION)	R05-16
OF VOM, USEPA AMENDMENTS)	(Identical-in-Substance Rulemaking - Air)
(July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004))	

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

This "identical in substance" rulemaking is required by Section 9.1(e) of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/9.1(e) (2002)) to update the definition of "volatile organic material" in the Board's air pollution regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 211.7150). The update is needed to ensure that Illinois' regulations reflect the United States Environmental Protection Agency's most recent exemption of chemical compounds from regulation as ozone precursors.

On March 3, 2005, the Board issued an opinion and order in this rulemaking as a proposal for public comment. On April 12, 2005, the Board held a public hearing on the proposal. At hearing, the hearing officer stated on the record that notice of the proposal appeared in the *Illinois Register* on March 18, 2005, and that therefore the 45-day public comment period would end on May 2, 2005.

Accordingly, any public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board by May 2, 2005. Anyone may file a public comment at:

Office of the Clerk
Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

This rulemaking's docket number (R05-16) should be indicated on the public comment.

As part of the Board's voluntary electronic filing pilot project, public comments may be filed through the Board's Web-based Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Questions about electronic filing should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

Please note that all filings with the Clerk of the Board must be served on the hearing officer and on those persons on the Service List for this rulemaking. Before filing any document with the Clerk, please check with Sandy Wiley at (312) 814-3623 or wileys@ipcb.state.il.us, the

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hearing officer, or the Clerk's Office for the most recent version of the Service List.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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