

Board Adopts Changes to the Volatile Organic Material Emission Control Regulations

On March 18, 2010, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a final order in the rulemaking proposal docketed as In the Matter of: Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for Volatile Organic Material Emission From Group III Consumer & Commercial Products: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218 and 219 (R10-10).

The Illinois Environmental Protection (IEPA) proposed volatile organic material (VOM) emission controls in response to control techniques guidelines (CTG) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the following Group III consumer and commercial product categories: paper, film, and foil coatings; metal furniture coatings; and large appliance coatings.

This rulemaking was filed on October 23, 2009 by the IEPA pursuant to the “fast-track” rulemaking provisions at Section 28.5 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act). On November 5, 2009, the Board adopted its first-notice opinion and order in this proceeding without commenting on the substantive merits of the proposal. The Board held two hearings in this matter. On February 4, 2010, the Board adopted its second-notice opinion and order. At its meeting on March 9, 2010, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules considered the Board’s second-notice proposal and issued its Certificate of No Objection.

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