

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NOISE REGULATIONS GO TO SECOND NOTICE

On April 3, 2003, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a proposed second notice package opinion and order in the rulemaking entitled Noise Rule Update: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900 and 903, R03-08. The proposed second notice is intended to give the public time to review and comment on the changes made since the Board's first notice opinion and order was adopted on December 19, 2002.

The Board initiated this rulemaking to amend and update the Board's noise rules. The rulemaking proposal would update definitions and sound measurement procedures contained in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900. These definitions and measurement procedures were adopted in 1973. The basis for these changes is the American National Standards Institute updates from the years 1998-2001. The Board has also proposed the repeal of Part 903 as legislative changes have exempted organized sporting events including motor racing facilities from the Board's noise regulations.

The public has 45 days to make comments on this proposal before the Board sends it to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules for consideration. Written public comments should contain the docket number, R03-08, and can be sent to the address listed below.

Additionally, the Board held two hearings on the proposal. Written public comments, hearing transcripts, and prefiled testimony in this matter are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web free of charge. Hard copies of transcripts, written comments, or any other document filed in this matter may be obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3629, or by writing to the Clerk's office:

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