

Board Proposes First-Notice Updates to Sound Measurement and Emissions Standards

On July 10, 2003, the Illinois Pollution Control Board proposed first-notice new and updated regulations governing noise that would reflect present scientific standards for many of the sound measurement definitions and techniques contained in the Board's rules. Proposed New And Updated Rules For Measurement and Numerical Sound Emissions Standards Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 901 and 910, (R03-9) revises outdated numerical sound emission standards for property line noise sources found at 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 901. Additionally, the proposal adds new Part 910 to the Board's regulations. The new Part incorporates noise measurement techniques currently contained only in Illinois Environmental Protection Agency rules at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 951.

This rulemaking is closely associated with Noise Rule Update Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 900 and 903, (R03-8) that defines acoustical terms, pollution sources and sound measurement procedures. R03-8 is based on updated science, including pertinent American National Standards Institute updates from 1998-201, and other current scientific publications.

The Board held two hearings in R03-9. The amendments and new regulations proposed for first notice will be published in the *Illinois Register* on July 25, 2003. Publication will begin an additional public comment period, which will last at least 45 days. Anyone may file public comments on the first-notice amendments. The comment should contain the rulemaking caption and docket number (R03-9) and be sent to:

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