

Board Proposes Amendments to Update Air Pollution Control Rules

For first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*, the Illinois Pollution Control Board, on April 21, 2005, adopted an opinion and order proposing amendments designed to clarify, correct, streamline, and update numerous provisions of the Board's air pollution control rules. The proposed amendments are contained in the consolidated rulemaking dockets R04-20, captioned In the Matter of: Clean-Up Part III Amendments To 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211, 218, and 219, and R04-12, captioned In the Matter of: Technical Corrections to Formulas in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 214 "Sulfur Limitations".

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) proposed to amend the Board's air pollution control rules on definitions and on volatile organic material (VOM) emissions standards and limitations for the Chicago and Metro East ozone areas. The Board docketed IEPA's proposal as R04-20. Among other things, these propose amendments would allow "alternative" methods for measuring the VOM "capture efficiency" of various emission control equipment. The proposed changes are designed to increase regulatory flexibility, consistent with United States Environmental Protection Agency requirements. The Board adopted for first notice the IEPA's proposed rule language, with several exceptions. The Board initiated docket R04-12 to correct typographical errors in formulas that appear to have occurred during re-codification of the Illinois Administrative code.

The Board held two public hearings in this consolidated rulemaking. Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3629, or by writing to the Clerk's office.

Public comments may be filed with the Board regarding the proposed first-notice amendments. Public comments should contain the applicable rulemaking caption and docket number (R04-20, R04-12, or both) and should be sent to the Clerk's Office at the following address:

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