

Board Finalizes Updates to Noise Rules

On March 2, 2006, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted for final notice regulations concerning measurement of and standards for noise emissions in Illinois in the rulemaking entitled Proposed New And Updated Rules For Measurement and Numerical Sound Emissions Standards Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 901 and 910, (R03-9). The Board opened the rulemaking on February 20, 2003.

The rulemaking creates new and updates existing regulations governing noise to reflect present scientific standards for many of the sound measurement definitions and techniques contained in the Board's rules. Further, this rulemaking revises outdated numerical sound emission standards for property line noise sources found at 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 901, and adds a 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.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in this rulemaking record 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.

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