

## **Pollution Control Board to Consider Amending Rules for Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO)**

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on September 16, 2008, accepted for hearing an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) proposal to amend the Board's rules concerning the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO). As IEPA states, the TACO rules provide "procedures for developing remediation objectives based on various risks to human health posed by environmental conditions at a site." On September 3, 2008, IEPA filed the pending rulemaking proposal, which the Board has docketed as In the Matter of: Proposed Amendments to Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (35 Ill. Adm. Code 742) (R09-9).

With the proposed amendments to the TACO rules, IEPA seeks to "add the indoor inhalation exposure route to the existing risk-based methodology." The proposed comprehensive changes include new definitions, equations, parameters, default remediation objectives, and mechanisms for managing the indoor inhalation pathway. IEPA states that the "effect of the proposed amendments is to protect building occupants from volatile chemicals that have the potential to migrate from the soil and groundwater to indoor air." IEPA has also included amendments in its proposal to "update remediation objectives for all the exposure routes."

The Board directed the hearing officer assigned to proceed expeditiously under the Title VII rulemaking provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (415 ILCS 5/27, 28 (2006)) and the Board's procedural rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 102).

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