

Board Adopts Final Notice Proposal to Reduce Volatile Organic Material from Various Sources

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on May 7, 2009, adopted for final notice a proposal amending its air pollution regulations. On January 2, 2008, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed this rulemaking proposal docketed as In the Matter of: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 223 Standards and Limitations for Organic Material Emissions for Area Sources (R08-17).

The IEPA stated that its proposal would reduce emissions of volatile organic material (VOM or VOC) from various product categories.

In the Board's October 16, 2008 first-notice opinion and order in this proceeding, the Board regulated VOM emissions from consumer and commercial products and architectural and industrial maintenance products. With the exception of extending the implementation date to July 1, 2009, the second-notice amendments are substantively unchanged from those proposed in the Board's first notice opinion and order.

The Board proceeded to final notice, making only three specific technical changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). JCAR voted on April 21, 2009 to issue a certificate of no objection to these rules.

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