

Board Sends Mercury Monitoring Rule to Final Notice

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on June 4, 2009, adopted for final notice a rulemaking proposal to amend Part 225 of the Board's air pollution regulations. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on October 3, 2008, proposed the rule, which was docketed as In the Matter of: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 225: Control of Emissions from Large Combustion Sources (Mercury Monitoring) (R09-10).

Generally, the amendments recreate certain monitoring provisions of the federal Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), which was recently vacated by a federal court. In addition, the Board's proposal includes provisions offered by Ameren to amend the Multi-Pollutant Standard at Section 225.233.

The Board held two hearings on the proposal: one on December 17, 2008, in Springfield; and the second on February 10, 2009, in Chicago. In an order dated November 5, 2008, the Board granted IEPA's motion for expedited review of the proposal.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules considered the Board's second-notice proposal and issued its "Certificate of No Objection to Proposed Rulemaking" at its meeting on May 19, 2009.

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:

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