

Board Adopts First-Notice Opinion and Order for Proposal Concerning Illinois' Rules for Gasoline Volatility

The Board, on April 19, 2012, adopted a first-notice opinion and order in response to a proposal to repeal state gasoline volatility standards, codified at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 215.585 and 219.585, since these have been replaced by federal standards. The rulemaking proposal filed on April 2, 2012, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) is docketed as In the Matter of: Gasoline Volatility Standards and Motor Vehicle Refinishing, Proposed amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211, 215, 218, and 219, (R12-24).

The proposal would repeal the state standards in ozone attainment areas, as well as in the Chicago and Metro-East non-attainment areas (respectively, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 215.585 and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 219.585). All of these standards have “essentially been superseded by Illinois’ participation in the Federal reformulated gasoline (RFG) program.” Various clean-up amendments are also proposed, as necessitated by the proposed repeal.

The proposal would also impact motor vehicle refinishing operations by allowing alternative use, in spray coating applications, of a High Volume Low Pressure (HVLP) spray gun for which USEPA has given written approval, and repeal of a state registration program that overlaps with the federal program.

Publication of these proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will begin a 45-day public comment period, during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R12-24, should be indicated on the public comment.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk’s Office at (312) 814-3629.

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