

Board Adopts Amendments to Board's CAFO Regulations

On August 7, 2014, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a final opinion and order to amend Parts 501, 502, and 504 of the Board's agriculture related water pollution regulations. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) initiated this rulemaking to make them consistent with, and as stringent as, the current federal CAFO regulations. The IEPA also sought to establish state technical standards required by the federal rule. This rulemaking was docketed at In the Matter of: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs): Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 501, 502, and 504.

The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) issued a certificate of no objection based upon agreements during second-notice review. In response to the JCAR, the Board opened a subdocket to address whether specified unpermitted CAFOs should be required to submit certain information to the IEPA. JCAR recommended that the Board use the subdocket also to address matters raised in a letter to JCAR from the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Board stated that it will at a later date issue an order addressing procedures, deadlines, and other matters in the subdocket.

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 from the Clerk's office upon payment of reproduction fees as prescribed by of the Freedom of Information Act.

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