

Board Adopts Second-Notice Proposed Amendments to the Volatile Organic Material Emissions Control Regulations

On June 16, 2011, the Illinois Pollution Control Board proposed for second-notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) amendments to its air pollution regulations governing volatile organic material emissions (VOM). The rulemaking proposal is docketed as In the Matter of: Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for Volatile Organic Material Emissions From Group II and Group IV Consumer & Commercial Products: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211, 218, and 219 (R11-23). The Illinois Environmental Protection (IEPA) filed this rulemaking on March 7, 2011 pursuant to authorities including the “fast-track” rulemaking provisions at Section 28.5 of the Environmental Protection Act (Act).

The proposed rulemaking would amend recently-promulgated regulations controlling the emission of VOM from the following Group II and Group IV Consumer and Commercial Product Categories: industrial cleaning solvents, flat wood paneling coatings, flexible packaging printing materials, lithographic printing materials, letter press printing materials, miscellaneous metal and plastic parts coatings, automobile and light-duty truck coatings, miscellaneous industrial adhesives, and fiberglass boat manufacturing materials. The IEPA proposed the amendments to these regulations in response to comments by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Additionally, in response to comments, the Board opened a subdocket A in this rulemaking, and adopted a first-notice opinion and order. In subdocket A, the Board intends specifically to address only a proposed small container exemption in Sections 218.208 and 219.208, neither of which the Board included in its first-notice opinion and order.

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