

## **Pollution Control Board Adopts for First Notice a Proposal to Amend the Compliance Date for Controlling Nitrogen Oxide Emissions**

On April 7, 2011, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted for first notice a proposal to modify the date of compliance with the requirements of various Subparts of 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 217, Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Emissions. The rulemaking, In the Matter of: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 217, Nitrogen Oxides Emissions, (R11-24), was filed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on April 4, 2011. The Board did not comment on the proposal's substantive merits. Additionally, the Board denied a motion for expedited review.

Specifically, the proposal would extend the compliance date for control of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from various source categories from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2015. The proposed new compliance date would apply to emissions from source categories such as industrial boilers, process heaters, glass melting furnaces, cement kilns, lime kilns, furnaces used in steel making and aluminum melting, and fossil fuel-fired stations. The IEPA states that extending the compliance date for the requirements under Subparts D, E, F, G, H, I, and M of Part 217 would "satisfy Illinois'" obligation to submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to address the requirements under Sections 172 and 182 of the federal Clean Air Act for major sources of NO<sub>x</sub> in areas designated as nonattainment with respect to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

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, R11-24, 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](http://www.ipcb.state.il.us). Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

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 Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/6].

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