

## **The Board Adopts Amendments to the Enhanced Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Regulations**

On March 17, 2011, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted amendments to the vehicle emission inspection and maintenance (I/M) regulations by repealing various emissions test standards and updating definitions and incorporations. On December 8, 2010, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the rulemaking, which is docketed as In the Matter of: Revision of Enhanced Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Regulations: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 240 (R11-19).

The IEPA proposed to amend the inspection program by repealing various emissions test standards, exempting vehicles from model year 1996 and earlier, and updating definitions and incorporations. The vehicle inspection and maintenance program operates in the Chicago metropolitan area and the Metro-East St. Louis area, which are the two nonattainment areas in Illinois.

Under Section 13C-20 of the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Law of 2005, the Board is required to adopt rules within 120 days of receiving the proposal. The Board conducted two public hearings on the proposal; one in Chicago and one in Edwardsville. The proposal was published in the *Illinois Register* for public comment. See 35 Ill. Reg. 129-68 (Jan. 3, 2011).

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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