

Board Proposes First Notice Amendments to Clifford-Jacobs Forging Co. Site-Specific Noise Rule

On April 16, 2015, in Proposal of Clifford-Jacobs Forging Co. for an Amendment to the Site-Specific Rule at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 901-119, R14-22, the Board proposed amendments to a site-specific noise rule for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. The proposed amendments would extend the allowable operational levels for Clifford-Jacobs Forging Company's (Clifford-Jacobs) forging facility located in unincorporated Champaign County. The facility currently is allowed to operate up to all 14 of its forging hammers at any one time from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Clifford-Jacobs' proposed amendments would allow the facility to operate up to 14 hammers at any one time 24 hours a day, Monday through Saturday. At first notice, the Board adopted this proposal, but added a requirement that Clifford-Jacobs limit its forging operations as necessary so that sound emissions from the facility would not exceed 65 decibels (db) (A-weighted Leq) from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. The Board further proposed that Clifford-Jacobs be required to investigate new technologies, sound abatement measures and possible operational changes to mitigate sound emissions from its forging operations, and to submit to the Board a report on the company's findings once every ten years. The Board will accept public comment on the proposed amendments until June 30, 2015.

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

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

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) on the Board's Web site 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. The docket number for this rulemaking, R14-22, should be indicated on the public comment.

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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