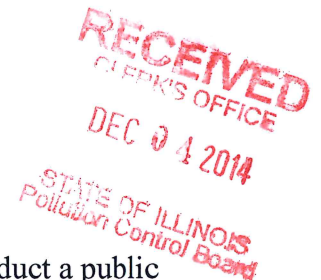


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## POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD  
PURSUANT TO 415 ILCS 5/10(H) and 1 ILCS 100/5-70(b)Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing  
for State Implementation Plan (SIP) Submittals  
for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

The Pollution Control Board (Board) is accepting public comments and will conduct a public hearing on a prospective NAAQS SIP submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The Board will accept written comments on the proposed rule that will form the basis for the SIP proposal until 45 days after the date of this issue of the *Illinois Register*, and a public hearing will occur by teleconference between Chicago and Springfield on January 8, 2015. The Board presently anticipates adoption of new exemptions from the definition of volatile organic material (VOM) on February 5, 2015, or within a short time after that date.

Section 10(H) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) [415 ILCS 5/10(H)] requires the Board to do as follows:

[T]he Board shall adopt ambient air quality standards specifying the maximum permissible short-term and long-term concentrations of various contaminants in the atmosphere, those standards shall be identical in substance to the national ambient air quality standards promulgated by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with Section 109 of the Clean Air Act [(42 U.S.C. § 7409 (2011))].

The USEPA NAAQS are codified at 40 C.F.R. § 50. The Board is required to adopt those exemptions using the “identical in substance” rulemaking procedure of Section 7.2 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/7.2]. The Illinois listing of these compounds is codified at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 243.

On November 20, 2014, the Board adopted a proposal for public comment in docket R15-4 to initiate adoption of the latest USEPA amendments to and actions affecting the federal NAAQS during the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, adding later USEPA amendments of June 18, 2014.

- On June 18, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 34734), USEPA designated four new equivalent methods: one for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), two for ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), and one for lead (Pb) in ambient air.
- USEPA issued a revised version of the “List of Designated Reference and Equivalent Methods”(List of Designated Methods) on June 18, 2014.

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The Board added one USEPA action that occurred after June 30, 2014 for the purpose of administrative economy:

- On November 4, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 65392), USEPA designated two new reference methods and two new equivalent methods: one new reference method for fine particulates (PM<sub>2.5</sub>), one new reference method for coarse particulates (PM<sub>10-2.5</sub>), one new equivalent for O<sub>3</sub>, and one new equivalent for carbon monoxide (CO) in ambient air.

A Notice of Proposed Amendment appears in today's issue of the *Illinois Register* relative to the docket R15-4 proposal.

The Board expects that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) will submit the present amendments as a revision to the Illinois SIP for ozone pursuant to section 110 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7410(a) (2011) and the implementing USEPA regulations. See 40 C.F.R. § 51.102 and appendix V (2013).

As USEPA will require the State to have conducted a hearing on the amendments to the Illinois NAAQS rules involved in this proceeding pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 4210(a) and 40 C.F.R. § 51.102, the Board has scheduled a public hearing in this matter to occur by teleconference between two locations, as follows:

1:30 p.m., January 8, 2015

James R. Thompson Center  
Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing Room  
100 West Randolph Street, Room 11-512  
Chicago

and

Sangamo Building  
Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing Room  
1021 North Grand Avenue  
Springfield

The Board invites public comment on the proposed amendments. The Board will receive public comments until at least 45 days after a notice of these proposed amendments appears in the *Illinois Register*. Anyone may file a public comment with the Board at:

Office of the Clerk

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Pollution Control Board  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

All comments relating to this rulemaking should clearly refer to docket number R15-4.

The record in this docket will include all documents pertaining to this proceeding. All documents in the record are publicly available for inspection and copying as provided in 2 Ill. Adm. Code 2175 (2012) by contacting the Office of the Clerk. The documents are also freely available online at the Board's webpage: [www.ipcb.state.il.us](http://www.ipcb.state.il.us).

The record will not include a copy of the following documents, which are all otherwise publicly available:

- The June 18, 2014 and November 4, 2014 *Federal Register* notices that prompted this action (referenced in the Board's November 20, 2014 opinion and order proposing amendments);
- The June 18, 2014 update to the List of Designated Methods that prompted this action (referenced in the Board's November 20, 2014 opinion and order proposing amendments);
- Federal statutes and regulations referenced in the Board's November 20, 2014 opinion and order; and
- Illinois statutes and regulations referenced in the Board's November 20, 2014 opinion and order.

The Board requests that interested persons direct questions to the following person:

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Pollution Control Board  
100 West Randolph Street, Room 11-500  
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The Board requests that interested persons request documents from or submit documents to the following person:

John T. Therriault, Clerk of the Board  
Pollution Control Board  
100 West Randolph Street, Room 11-500

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After the hearing and conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will promptly issue an opinion and order adopting final rule amendments. The Board presently anticipates adoption of the amendments on February 5, 2015. The Board will then file the amendments with the Office of the Secretary of State, and a Notice of Adopted Amendments will appear in the *Illinois Register*. Any Agency submission of the associated SIP revision to USEPA will follow that Notice.