

Board Second Notice Opinion and Order Proposes Air Pollution Regulations to Control Volatile Organic Material Emissions

On May 6, 2010, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a second-notice opinion and order proposing air pollution regulations. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency initiated this proceeding on July 9, 2009, and the Board has docketed it as In the Matter of: Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for Volatile Organic Material Emissions from Group II Consumer & Commercial Products: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 211, 218, and 219 (R10-08).

The proposed air regulations would reduce emissions of volatile organic material (VOM) for Group II Consumer & Commercial Products in ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate and above in order to meet Illinois' obligations under the Clean Air Act (CAA). Group II products include industrial cleaning solvents, flat wood paneling coatings, flexible packaging printing materials, lithographic printing materials and letter press printing materials.

Chicago and St. Louis/Metro East areas in Illinois have been designated as moderate nonattainment areas for the 8-hour ozone standard. VOM is characterized by the IEPA as "a primary precursor to the formation of ground-level ozone."

The Board directed the Clerk to file the proposal with the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

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