

## **Pollution Control Board to Consider Amendments to Nitrogen Oxide emissions Regulations**

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on February 2, 2006, accepted for hearing a proposal to amend the regulations governing Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions found at 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 217, Subparts A, T, U, and W. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency filed the rulemaking entitled In the Matter of: NO<sub>x</sub> Trading Program: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 217 on January 19, 2006.

The IEPA proposes updates to Part 217 to reflect recent amendments made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to the Code of Federal Regulations concerning several test methods and procedures, and by the Illinois General Assembly to Section 9.9 of the Environmental Protection Act concerning the sale of NO<sub>x</sub> allowances and the repeal of the stay provisions. The amendments are intended to ensure that the NO<sub>x</sub> budgets for both the Electrical Generating Unites (EGU) and the non-EGUs are not reduced by low-emitters in a way that was not anticipated at the time the rules were originally adopted by the Board. The IEPA also proposes clarifications to the dates and timing of allocations designed to simplify the administration of the NO<sub>x</sub> Trading Program. The IEPA asserts that this proposal does not change the emission limits or require new control devices on affected sources.

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