

Board Sends To Second-Notice A Proposed Rulemaking to Revise the Board's Regulations For Air Construction And Operating Permits

On January 5, 2006, the Illinois Pollution Control Board sent to second-notice the rulemaking proposal docketed as In the Matter of: Proposed Amendments to Exemptions From State Permitting Requirements for Plastic Injection Molding Operations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.146) (R05-20). The proposal by the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois (CICI) would add plastic injection molding operations to the existing list of 59 permit exemptions in Section 201.146. CICI asserts the purpose of this rulemaking is to reduce the burden of state air permitting of low emitting units and activities for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as well as owners and operators of plastic injection molding processes.

Two hearings have been held in this matter. The first hearing was July 2, 2005, in Chicago. The second hearing was July 15, 2005, in Springfield. The Board received testimony on the proposal during the two hearings, but received no public comments during the 45-day first-notice period, which ended November 28, 2005. The proposal is substantively unchanged from that adopted by the Board in September 2005. During the 45-day second-notice period, the Board will accept comments only from the Joint Committee on Administrative Review.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in this rulemaking record are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3629, or by writing to the Clerk's office.

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