

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Submittal
to Address Ozone, NO₂, and SO₂

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) is sending notice for comment concerning the submittal of an Infrastructure State Implementation Plan for the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone and the 2010 NAAQS for NO₂ and SO₂. The Illinois EPA is required to submit an Infrastructure State Implementation Plan to the United States Environmental Protection Agency under Section 110(a)(2) of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA) concerning the capabilities of such Agency to implement, maintain, and enforce the ozone, NO₂, and SO₂ protection requirements within the State of Illinois already functioning in the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The infrastructure plan is not a notice for any new rule development or revisions to any existing rulemakings, but informs the United States Environmental Protection Agency that Illinois EPA is able to maintain current monitoring and modeling data systems, enforcement and permitting programs including New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration, adequate resources with current funding, and authority for existing regulations involving the ozone, NO₂, and SO₂ NAAQS. Illinois EPA believes that all the requirements under the Infrastructure State Implementation Plan have been met. This plan will be submitted for review and approval as a revision to the SIP and meets the Federal requirements as set forth under Title 40: Protection of the Environment, Part 51 – Requirements for Preparation, Adoption, and Submittal of Implementation Plans.

It should also be noted that any further action concerning the ozone, NO₂, and SO₂ NAAQS, be it new rulemaking or revisions to any current regulations, will go through proper procedures including public comment and hearing. The complete Infrastructure State Implementation Plan can be reviewed online at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/> and at the Illinois EPA offices at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, 217/782-7027, 2009 Mall Street, Collinsville, 618/ 346-5120, and 9511 West Harrison in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000 (for all locations, please call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you).

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the Infrastructure State Implementation Plan. Comments must be postmarked by midnight December 26, 2012. Comments or requests for public hearing concerning the Infrastructure State Implementation Plan can be mailed to Brad Frost, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Air, 1021 North Grand Ave. East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276 or emailed to Brad.Frost@illinois.gov.