Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Public Notice

State Implementation Plan Revision for 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252, Public Participation in the Air Pollution Control Program

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") Bureau of Air is accepting comments and requests for hearing on proposed revisions to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252, Public Participation in the Air Pollution Control Program, for the purpose of submitting such revisions and supporting documentation to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for review and approval as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to satisfy Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for public participation under a SIP-approved Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Program, 42 U.S.C. §§7410(a)(2)(C) and 7471. The revisions submitted to USEPA will include not only the amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252 but an analysis demonstrating that this proposal does not interfere with attainment or maintenance of any applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard, reasonable further progress, or any other applicable requirement of the CAA. In order for the proposed revisions to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252 to be considered for approval as a revision to the SIP, the State must submit it in accordance with the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§51.102 and 104.

While the Illinois EPA is proposing to amend relevant provisions in Agency rules, 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252, a related Pollution Control Board (Board) rulemaking, R2019-001, would create a state PSD permitting program (35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 204) and make relevant amendments to the Board's procedural regulations to provide for appeals of PSD permits to the Board. Illinois currently has the federal PSD program as the Illinois EPA implements the federal PSD program under a delegation agreement with USEPA. The PSD program is a construction permitting program that applies for the proposed construction of new major facilities or "sources" of emissions and proposed major modifications of existing major sources.

The Illinois EPA is accepting comments and requests for public hearing on both the proposed amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252 and on the Illinois EPA's demonstration that this proposal would not interfere with attainment or maintenance of any applicable National Ambient Air Quality Standard, reasonable further progress, or any other applicable requirement of the CAA. Comments and requests for hearing must be received by the Illinois EPA by 5:00 PM CST on May 11, 2020. Comments, questions, or requests for public hearing should be directed to Brad Frost, Office of Community Relations, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Ave. East P.O. Box 19506, Springfield, IL 62794-9506, phone 217/782-7027, TDD phone number 866/273-5488, brad.frost@illinois.gov

A public hearing regarding this SIP submittal is currently scheduled to take place online at 1:30 PM on Monday, May 18, 2020, if a timely request for a public hearing is received by Illinois EPA prior to the end of the comment period. The public hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Informational and Quasi-

Legislative Public Hearings," set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 164. If no timely request for a public hearing is received, the hearing will be cancelled. A verification as to whether the hearing will be held will be posted by 5:00 PM CST on May 12 on the Illinois EPA's website at https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx. If a request for hearing is received, the verification notice will include instructions on participating in the hearing online and by phone.

A repository of documents for the proposed regulatory revision to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252 is available on the Illinois EPA's website at https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx and at Illinois EPA offices at 9511 Harrison Street in Des Plaines, 847/294-4000;1021 N. Grand Avenue East in Springfield, 217/782-7027; and 2009 Mall Street in Collinsville, 618/346-5120 (you must call ahead to assure that someone will be available to assist you). Copies of the repository of documents for the proposed regulatory revision to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 252 are also available upon request. Requests and public inquiries should be directed to Brad Frost at the address and phone number listed above.

This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 110(l) of the CAA regarding public notice for SIP submittals, 42 USC Sec. §§7410(l).