Verification that No Public Hearing Will Be Held

On April 1, 2020, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") posted a Public Notice providing opportunity to comment and/or request a public hearing concerning the submittal of a February 2019 draft document, entitled "Illinois Ozone Base Year Emissions Inventory for 2017." The Public Notice was posted on the Illinois EPA website at https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/general-notices.aspx.

The Illinois EPA is required to submit an inventory of ozone precursor emissions to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) pursuant to Section 182 of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA). 42 USC §7511a. The inventory will be submitted to USEPA for review and approval as a revision to the Illinois State Implementation Plan (SIP) and will meet the federal requirements as set forth under Title 40: Protection of the Environment, Part 51 - Requirements for Preparation, Adoption, and Submittal of Implementation Plans. 40 CFR 51.

The public comment period closed on May 1, 2020. The Public Notice specified that a public hearing would be scheduled in this matter if a timely request for a public hearing was received. However, no request for a public hearing was received during the comment period.

Pursuant to the Public Notice, the Illinois EPA is required to verify whether a public hearing will or will not be held by posting a notice on the Illinois EPA website at https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/default.aspx. Since a request for a public hearing has not been received, a hearing will not be held in this matter.

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