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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 1) Heading of the Part: Alternate Fuels Program
- 2) Code Citation: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 275
- 3) Register Citation to Notice of Proposed Rules:  
  
36 Ill. Reg. 441; January 13, 2012
- 4) Date, Time and Location of Public Hearing: The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), Division of Mobile Source Programs, will hold public hearings on March 7, 2012 at 1:30 pm in the Sangamo Conference Room at the Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois, and March 8, 2012 at 1:30 pm in the Elk Grove Village Regional Office Conference Room at the Illinois EPA, 831 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois, to accept comments on proposed changes to the Alternate Fuels Program, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 275.
- 5) Other Pertinent Information: The proposal would amend the State of Illinois regulation 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 275 to reflect amendments to Section 30 of the Alternate Fuels Act (Act) signed into law on July 11, 2011, as Public Act (P.A.) 97-0090. Amendments to Section 30 of the Act establish an electric vehicle car sharing grant program. These amendments provide that, through fiscal year 2013, the Illinois EPA may award grants to car sharing organizations for the purchase of new electric vehicles from an Illinois car dealership to the extent that funds remain available from the alternate fuel vehicle rebate fund. Also, amendments to Section 30 provide grant award criteria, eligibility requirements, application requirements, funding limitations, and reporting requirements.

The Illinois EPA's proposed amendments establish procedures for the issuance of electric vehicle car sharing grants. Specifically, the proposed amendments establish the availability and limitations of grants, grant application requirements, and criteria and procedures relating to the Illinois EPA's award of grants and grant funding amounts. In addition, the proposed amendments establish requirements relating to grant agreements, access to grant projects, audits, maintenance of records, reporting, and reimbursement. Also, the proposed amendments establish procedures for addressing noncompliance with grant requirements. The proposed amendments make other minor revisions to the Alternate Fuels Program.

Copies of this proposal may be viewed by the public prior to the hearings on the Illinois EPA's website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/> or at the Illinois EPA's offices at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for State holidays). No

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walk-in requests for copies of this material will be accommodated unless advance notice is provided. Requests and public inquiries should be directed to Kent Mohr at the Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Ave East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, telephone number (217)782-5544 or TDD (217) 782-9143.

The hearings will be held under the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Information and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings" (35 Ill. Adm. Code 164). Any questions about the hearing procedures, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to Dean Studer, Agency Hearing Officer, at the address below. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made by February 17, 2012.

The Hearing Record will close on April 9, 2012. In addition to oral comments made at the hearings, written comments will also be accepted. Written comments need not be notarized and must be postmarked by midnight April 9, 2012. Written comments should be mailed to Dean Studer, Hearing Officer, Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Ave East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, telephone number (217) 558-8280 or TDD (217) 782-9143.