

ILLINOIS REGISTER

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), Bureau of Air, is accepting public comments on proposed revisions to its State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) relating to the Annual Emissions Report program (AER).

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comments on the proposed SIP revision. The written comments must be postmarked by January 28, 2013, unless a Public Hearing is requested. All requests for a public hearing must actually be received by the Illinois EPA no later than January 28, 2013. Comments and requests for hearing should be mailed to:

Dean Studer, Hearing Officer
Illinois EPA
1021 North Grand Avenue East
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
Telephone: 217/558-8280 or TDD: 217/782-9143

If a timely request for a public hearing is received by January 28, 2013, a public hearing will be scheduled through a separate notice and held to receive comments regarding the proposed SIP revision. If a public hearing is conducted, the written public comment period will be extended as provided for in the separate notice.

If no request for a public hearing is received by the Illinois EPA by U.S. Mail, carrier mail, or hand delivered by January 28, 2013, no hearing will be scheduled. Either verification of a public hearing or notice of no hearing to be held will be posted by 5:00pm on February 6, 2013, on the Illinois EPA's website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/>. The hearing notice will then be separately published. Interested persons may also contact Dean Studer, the Illinois EPA's Hearing Officer, at the phone number listed above to inquire as to the status of a public hearing.

Copies of this proposed SIP revision may be viewed by the public on the Illinois EPA's website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/> or during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for State holidays) at the following Illinois EPA offices: 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois; 9511 W. Harrison Street, DesPlaines, Illinois; or 2009 Mall Street, Collinsville, Illinois. No walk-in requests for copies of this material will be accommodated unless advance notice is provided. Requests and public inquiries, including verification of whether or not a hearing will be held in this matter, should be directed to Dean Studer, the Illinois EPA's Hearing Officer, at the address and phone number listed above.

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If a hearing request is received, the hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Information and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings," set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 164.

The Illinois EPA will submit the proposed SIP revision to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a revision to its SIP for GHGs to meet requirements of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 110(l) of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7410(l)) (public notice for SIP submittals).

Pursuant to the CAA, the State of Illinois is required to comply with the inventory and reporting requirements of Section 182(a) of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7511a(a)). The State of Illinois implements this requirement through the Annual Emission Report requirement regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 254. The State of Illinois has made changes to its AER program through the permit streamlining legislation at Public Act 97-95. Therefore, the State of Illinois is required to submit such changes to the U.S. EPA as a revision to its SIP for GHGs. Principally, these changes will be used to update the Illinois EPA's emissions inventory of sources for regulated air pollutants.