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SPECIAL NOTICE:
NEW STACK TESTING REQUIREMENTS
PROPOSED FOR LITHOGRAPHIC PRINTERS

Buried deep in 300+ pages of newly proposed changes from the Illinois EPA is a new requirement for all Lithographic Printers in the Chicagoland that use a control device for compliance. **As the rule is proposed today, a stack test must be performed on the pollution control device by January 1, 2012**, unless a stack test has been performed since January 1, 2010. The proposed rule is available for public review at the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) website:

- www.ipcb.state.il.us/COOL/external/PendingRulemakings.aspx
- click on R2011-023
- click on "View File" for 3/17/2011 Opinion and Order
- go to Section 218.409-Testing for Lithographic Printing

The new requirement could cost Lithographic Printers thousands of dollars, as stack testing is not cheap. Due to funding issues, the Illinois EPA is not expected to have any outreach other than the distribution of notices through the IPCB.

What can you do that may help delay or defer costs resulting from this newly proposed rule? Because the rule changes are in the proposal stage, there is opportunity to comment on the rule. Comments can include a request to extend the compliance date beyond the currently proposed January 1, 2012, or to ask the Agency to accept older stack test reports. Contact your legal counsel for specifics on how and when comments are to be submitted.

The Illinois EPA has informed us that additional changes that impact the testing requirements are coming in the next few weeks. The changes will be posted on the IPCB website.

If you have any questions, please contact me at steve@admiralenv.com or call me at (847) 228-5355.

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