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Source: IPCB Website FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

<http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/AboutTheBoard/FAQs.asp>

How do I file a noise complaint with the Board?

If the Board receives an informal complaint alleging noise pollution, the Board forwards the informal complaint to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). IEPA, however, no longer has the resources to operate a noise program. Accordingly, IEPA is no longer investigating alleged noise pollution.

As IEPA no longer runs a noise program, it suggests that you consider reporting your noise concern to the local police or health department. Local authorities may provide you with guidance, or take steps on their own to enforce the State's noise laws. The Board, as the State's environmental court and rulemaking body, has no investigators.

The Board notes that anyone can file a formal complaint with the Board, alleging noise violations under the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/1 et seq.) and Board regulations. As with any citizen enforcement action before the Board, you, as the complainant, would have to gather evidence to prove the violations that you allege. You may want to consult the Act, the Board's procedural rules, and Board's noise regulations.

If you have additional questions please call the Clerk's Office at 312-814-3629.

Summary: There is no government enforcement on IPCB violations once the turbines are built. The nearby homeowners would have to gather the evidence, and as we saw in the California Ridge Compliance Study, even the applicant had difficulty separating “the wheat from chaff”. Without cooperation from the wind farm in terms of wind turbine power output and selectively turning turbines on and off, this would be an impossible task, and so it is virtually impossible to prove IPCB non-compliance once turbines are built.