

Board Proposes First-Notice Amendments to its General Procedural Rules

On April 11, 2019, the Board proposed amendments to Part 101 of its procedural rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101) for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. Part 101 contains the Board's general rules of procedure, which apply to all types of Board proceedings. The proposed amendments cover four subjects. First, persons offering exhibits at adjudicatory or time-limited water quality standard (TLWQS) hearings must e-file those exhibits after hearing. Second, under recent amendments to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (5 ILCS 100 (2016)), the Board will e-mail serve its final adjudicatory orders on parties consenting to e-mail service, except for final enforcement orders. Third, the Board specifies Part 101's applicability to TLWQS proceedings, which do not fall within either of the traditional types of Board proceedings—rulemakings and adjudicatory cases. Fourth, the Board clarifies, updates, and streamlines Part 101 consistent with the Board's regulatory review initiative.

The Board will accept public comments on the proposed amendments for 45 days after they are published in the *Illinois Register*. Currently, the Board does not plan to hold a hearing. This rulemaking is captioned Proposed Amendments to General Procedural Rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101), docket R19-19. Here are links to (1) the Board's [opinion and order](#), which describes the proposed amendments and the reasons for them, and (2) the Board's [addendum](#), which contains the proposed rule text. For more information, please contact Marie Tipsord (312-814-4925, Marie.Tipsord@Illinois.Gov) or Richard McGill (312-814-6983, Richard.McGill@Illinois.Gov).