

Board Proposes Second-Notice Amendments to Public Water Supplies Rules

On May 30, 2019, the Board adopted a second-notice proposal to amend its public water supplies rules. The Board addressed each of the first-notice comments and submitted the proposal to review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) originally proposed that the Board amend its public water supplies rules by adopting a new Part 604 entitled “Design, Operation and Maintenance Criteria.” IEPA had long ago adopted rules for designing, operating, and maintaining community water supplies in Part 653 of its own rules and last updated them in 1985. IEPA asserted that the proposal would clarify the rules by consolidating them into a single comprehensive Part of Board rules. The Board also proposed amending Parts 601, 602, and 611 and repealing Part 607 to make conforming changes. The Board expects JCAR to consider the proposal at its meeting on July 16, 2019.

This rulemaking is captioned Public Water Supplies: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 604 and Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 601, 602, 607, and 611, docket R18-17. Here is a link to the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox (312-814-6085, Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov).