

Board Adopts Emergency Rule Extending Period to Renew Approvals for Cross Connection Control Device Inspectors of Public Water Supplies

On April 16, 2020, the Board issued an opinion and order adopting an emergency rule that extended the period for cross connection control device inspectors (CCCDIs) to renew their annual CCCDI approvals. The Board received the emergency rulemaking proposal from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on April 10, 2020.

CCCDIs play a significant role in protecting public health and welfare by helping to ensure that public water supplies are protected from connections to and contamination by unsafe sources of water. Generally, a CCCDI must renew his or her CCCDI approval each year between May 1 and June 30. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 604.1510(b)(2). However, based on Governor JB Pritzker's proclaimed state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as related factors, including a potential shortage in approved CCCDIs, the Board found that an emergency existed. The Board therefore adopted an emergency rule at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 604.1520 ("COVID-19 Emergency Provisions"), which changed the 2020 approval renewal period for CCCDIs to between August 31 and October 30.

The emergency rule took effect on April 17, 2020 (44 Ill. Reg. 7777 (May 1, 2020)) and remains in effect up to 150 days. The Board invited public comment on the fact that the emergency rule, having a maximum duration of 150 days, would expire before the extended deadline of October 30, 2020.

The rulemaking is captioned [Emergency Rulemaking for Cross Connection Control Device Inspectors of Public Water Supplies at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 604.1520](#), docket R20-20. Here is a link to the Board's [opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the emergency rule. For more information, please contact Daniel Pauley at 312-814-3886 or daniel.pauley@illinois.gov.