

Board Updates Title 2 Administrative Rules

On August 13, 2020, the Board adopted final amendments to its administrative rules (2 Ill. Adm. Code 2175) under Section 5-15 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (5 ILCS 100/5-15). The administrative rules describe the Board's organization, the types of Board proceedings, how to pay filing and copying fees, and how the public may access information from the Board. The amendments primarily address three areas.

First, the amendments reflect statutory changes since the administrative rules were last amended in 2014. For example, the Environmental Protection Act was amended by adding a new type of proceeding for the Board to conduct—time limited water quality standards. In addition, the Open Meetings Act was amended to address holding meetings during public health disasters.

Second, the amendments describe changes to the Board's operations, including organizational relationships and the frequency of *Environmental Register* publication.

Third, the amendments are the product of the Board's on-going regulatory review initiative, which began in 2016. Under that initiative, the Board has been amending its rules to make them clearer and more concise. To that end, these amendments clarify rule language and remove obsolete, repetitive, or otherwise unnecessary provisions.

The rulemaking is captioned Amendments to the Board's Administrative Rules 2 Ill. Adm. Code 2175, docket R21-17. Here is a link to the Board's [opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the amended rules. For more information, please contact Marie Tipsord at 312-814-4925 or marie.tipsord@illinois.gov.