

Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Wastewater Pretreatment Rules

On May 12, 2022, the Board adopted amendments to keep Illinois’ wastewater pretreatment rules identical in substance to their federal counterpart. The amendments reflect action taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the first half of 2021. Specifically, USEPA updated the analytical methods used to demonstrate compliance with requirements under the Clean Water Act. Folding USEPA’s action into the Illinois rules required updating the Board’s incorporation by reference of USEPA rules.

The Board’s amendments also reflect minor changes not derived from USEPA’s action. These included updating incorporations by reference of *Code of Federal Regulations* and *United States Code* provisions to the latest versions available, as well as updating an address for obtaining a document.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned Wastewater Pretreatment Update, USEPA Regulations (January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021), docket R22-7. Here are links to (1) the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the adopted amendments, and (2) the Board’s [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Michael McCambridge at michael.mccambridge@illinois.gov.