

Ammonia Nitrogen Standards Rulemaking Update

On June 6, 2002, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a first-notice opinion and order in Proposed Amendments to Ammonia Nitrogen Standards: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.212, 302.213, and 304.122. The Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies initiated this rulemaking to amend the Board's ammonia regulations. Specifically, this rulemaking would change the acute and chronic general use water quality standards for un-ionized ammonia. The proposal also adds calculations for sub-chronic ammonia. Additionally, the amendments would repeal portions of the rules related to Effluent Modified Waters.

The Board will accept public comments on this proposal for 45 days after the proposal is published in the *Illinois Register*. Written comments should contain the rulemaking title and docket number (R02-19). Written comments should be sent to the Clerk's office at the following address:

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Two hearings have been held on the proposed amendments to ammonia nitrogen standards. Written public comments, hearing transcripts, and prefiled testimony in this matter are posted on the Board's Web site. Hard copies of transcripts, written comments, or any other document filed in this matter may be downloaded from the Web free of charge or obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3620, or by writing to the Clerk's office.