

## **Board Proposes Non-Substantive Amendments to Agriculture-Related Water Pollution Rules for First Notice**

On February 16, 2023, the Board proposed non-substantive amendments to its agriculture-related water pollution rules for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. The Board proposed these first-notice amendments to remove unnecessary language, replace outdated text, update statutory references, and otherwise clarify the rules. This rulemaking is part of a larger undertaking to update the Board's rules across multiple media and subject areas.

After adopting a proposal for public comment and holding two public hearings, the Board received a public comment from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, as well as a collective public comment from the Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Milk Producers Association, and the Illinois Pork Producers Association. The amendments proposed for first notice impact all four Parts of the Board's Subtitle E agriculture-related water pollution rules, *i.e.*, Parts 501, 502, 503, and 506 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code. When the proposal is published in the *Illinois Register*, a period of at least 45 days will begin during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board concerning the first-notice rules.

This rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle E, docket R18-25. Here is a link to the Board's [first-notice opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Carlie Leoni at [carlie.leoni@illinois.gov](mailto:carlie.leoni@illinois.gov).