

Board Proposes “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Drinking Water Rules

On June 1, 2023, the Board proposed—for public comment—amendments to Illinois’ primary drinking water regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611. The proposed amendments are “identical in substance” to rule amendments adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the second half of 2022. Specifically, on August 17, 2022, USEPA approved seven new alternative test procedures (ATPs) for demonstrating compliance with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Additionally, the Board found that unavoidable delay required extending the deadline for completing the amendments to October 1, 2023. The Board will receive public comments on this proposal for at least 45 days following its publication in the *Illinois Register*. The Board expects to file any adopted rules with the Secretary of State immediately after adoption, likely by August 7, 2023.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022), docket R23-9. Here are links to (1) the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the proposed rule text, and (2) the Board’s [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Daniel Pauley at 312-814-6931 or daniel.pauley@illinois.gov.