

## **Board Proposes “Identical-in-Substance” Amendment to Wastewater Pretreatment Regulations**

On December 7, 2023, for public comment, the Board proposed an amendment to keep Illinois’ wastewater pretreatment regulations “identical in substance” to the federal regulations. The proposal reflects action taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the first half of calendar year 2023. USEPA amended a provision of the steam electric power generating point source category within the effluent limitation guidelines. Specifically, USEPA extended the date by which existing coal-fired power plants must submit a notice if they plan to participate in a subcategory of electric generating units permanently ceasing coal combustion by December 31, 2028. The Board proposed adding the extended deadline to the Illinois sewer discharge criteria rules for steam electric power generating.

The Board will continue accepting public comments on the proposed amendment until the 45th day after publication of the proposal in the *Illinois Register*.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023), docket R24-6. Here is a link to the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the proposed amendment. For more information, please contact Daniel Pauley at 312-814-6931 or [daniel.pauley@illinois.gov](mailto:daniel.pauley@illinois.gov).