

## **Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Wastewater Pretreatment Regulations**

On May 16, 2024, the Board adopted amendments to keep Illinois’ wastewater pretreatment regulations “identical in substance” to the federal regulations. The amendments reflect 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 added the extended deadline to the Illinois sewer discharge criteria rules for steam electric power generating.

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 [final order](#), which includes the text of the amendment. For more information, please contact Daniel Pauley at [daniel.pauley@illinois.gov](mailto:daniel.pauley@illinois.gov).