

Board Proposes “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Wastewater Pretreatment Rules

On September 5, 2024, for public comment, the Board proposed amendments to Illinois’ wastewater pretreatment regulations. The proposed amendments are “identical in substance” to rule amendments adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the first half of 2024. Specifically, on May 9, 2024, USEPA updated the effluent limitations guidelines and standards (ELGs) for the steam electric power generating point source category.

Publication of the Board’s proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will start a period of at least 45 days during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. In November of this year, the Board expects to adopt final amendments.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned Wastewater Pretreatment Update, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024), docket R25-6. Here are links to the Board’s (1) [opinion and order](#) and (2) [addendum](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Joan Hosty Beacom at 312-814-6924 or joan.beacom2@illinois.gov.