

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

On August 6, 2026, the Board proposed amendments to keep Illinois’ drinking water standards “identical in substance” to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The proposed amendments are based on public comments filed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. To address their respective requests for extensive historical and technical changes, the Board opened this rulemaking sub-docket, R25-1(A).

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 December of this year, the Board expects to adopt final amendments.

The rulemaking is captioned SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024), sub-docket R25-1(A). 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 Beacom at 312-814-6924 or joan.beacom2@illinois.gov.