

WATER QUALITY TRIENNIAL REVIEW UPDATE

On June 20, 2002, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a first-notice opinion and order in Water Quality Triennial Review: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(e)-(g), 302.504(a), 302.575(d), 309.141(h); and Proposed 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301.267, 301.313, 301.413, 304.120, and 309.157. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) initiated this rulemaking proposal to update the Board's regulations as part of the State's triennial review of water regulations.

Specifically, this rulemaking proposes new aquatic life acute and chronic numeric General Use Water Quality Standards and Lake Michigan Water Quality Standards for benzene, ethyl benzene, toluene, and xylene (BETX). The rulemaking also proposes revising General Use Water Quality Standards for zinc and nickel. Changes are proposed for the General Use Water Quality Standards for metals from total to dissolved form. This rulemaking would make corrections to the Lake Michigan water rules adopted in Conforming Amendments For The Great Lakes Initiative: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.101; 302.105; 302.Subpart E; 303.443 And 304.222, R97-25 (Dec. 18, 1997)(GLI). Additionally, this rulemaking would allow the Agency to use carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) instead of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

The Board will accept public comments on this proposal for 45 days after the proposal is published in the *Illinois Register*. Written comments should contain the rulemaking title and docket number (R02-19). Written comments should be sent to the Clerk's office at the following address:

Dorothy Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street
Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Two hearings have been held on the water quality triennial review rulemaking. Written public comments, hearing transcripts, and prefiled testimony in this matter are posted on the Board's Web site. Hard copies of transcripts, written comments, or any other document filed in this matter may be downloaded from the Web free of charge or obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3629, or by writing to the Clerk's office.

A third hearing is scheduled for July 25, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at the following address:

James R. Thompson Center
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Room C500
Chicago, Illinois

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