

Board to Hold Hearings on Proposal to Amend Right to Know Regulations

On July 24, 2014, the Board adopted an opinion and order accepting for hearing an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) proposal to amend Part 1600 of the Board's Subtitle O Right to Know regulations. The proposal was docketed as In the Matter of: Standards and Requirements for Potable Water Well Surveys and Community Relations Activities Performed in Conjunction with Agency Notices of Threats from Contamination: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1600 (R14-23).

The IEPA proposes amending the Right to Know rules to conform with recent statutory and regulatory amendments. The IEPA contends that legislative and rulemaking actions since the Board adopted right to Know rules in 2006 have created a gap between media of concern requiring notice under the Environmental Protection Act, the exposure routes identified in the Board's Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives(TACO) rules, and the Right to Know rules.

After conducting hearings on this proposal, the Board will determine whether to proceed to first notice.

The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R14-23, should be indicated on the public comment.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained from the Clerk's office upon payment of reproduction fees as prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

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