

## **The Board Adopts First Notice Proposal to Amend Boron, Fluoride, and Manganese Water Quality Standard Rules, R11-18**

The Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board), on March 15, 2012, adopted a first notice proposal to amend the Board's water quality standard (WQS) rules for boron, fluoride and manganese. The rulemaking proposal, docketed as In the Matter of: Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards for Boron, Fluoride and Manganese: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.Subparts B, C, E, F and 303.312 (R11-18) also includes various other clean-up amendments and updates. The proposal was filed on December 2, 2010, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

The Board's first notice proposal includes IEPA's proposed updates to the boron, fluoride, and manganese water quality standards under the General Use standards in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.Subpart B, the Public and Food Processing Water Supply standards in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.Subpart C, and the Lake Michigan Basin Water Quality Standards in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.Subpart E. The Board determined that site specific rules and adjusted standards granted from the existing standards will continue to be valid without reapplication if relief from the standards as proposed continues to be necessary for the affected source.

The proposal also makes other clean-up amendments and updates, including the correction of chronic zinc standard and the repeal of the site-specific fluoride standard at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 303.312. Additionally, the Board adds cyanide test methods to the incorporations by reference in Parts 301 and 302. Finally, the Board is also amending the requirements in Sections 302.595 and 302.669 that the IEPA publish the derived water quality criteria in the *Illinois Register*, but requiring only an annual (rather than quarterly) publication. IEPA's proposal was the culmination of a recent "triennial review" of standards required by the Federal Water Pollution control Act (FWPCA or Clean Water Act).

Publication of these proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will begin a 45-day public comment period, during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. Additionally, the Board proposes to schedule a public hearing during the first notice period. The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R11-18, should be indicated on the public comment.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed 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](http://www.ipcb.state.il.us). Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

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without charge. Hard copies may be obtained from the Clerk's office upon payment of reproduction fees as prescribed by Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/6].

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