

## **Board Proposes First Notice Amendments to its Water Pollution Rules**

On November 5, 2015, the Board adopted an opinion and order proposing water pollution rule amendments for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. The proposal will amend Part 309 of the Board's water pollution rules. Specifically, the proposal will amend the Board's water pollution rules for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and state water permits.

The proposal revises the process for administratively continuing an NPDES permit after its expiration date. Under the proposed Part 309, a permit holder can submit a permit renewal application less than 180 days prior to expiration of the existing permit with permission of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The proposal clarifies existing exemptions to state permit requirements, adds new exemptions, and adds a lifetime permit provision for certain discharge sources, among other procedural revisions aimed at streamlining the permitting process.

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

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

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) on the Board's Web site 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. The docket number for this rulemaking, R15-24, should be indicated on the public comment.

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 Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/6].

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