Board Adopts Second-Notice Proposal to Amend Public Water Supply Regulations

On January 21, 2016, the Board proposed amendments to the Board's public water supply rules for second-notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). The rulemaking, initiated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), is docketed as <u>Public Water Supplies</u>: <u>Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 601, 602, and 603</u> (R15-22).

The proposed amendments are intended to (1) update Parts 601 through 603; (2) consolidate the community water supply permitting rules in Parts 652 and 602; and (3) amend the rules, and Part 603 in particular, to be consistent with recent amendments to the Public Water Supply Operations (PWSO) Act, 415 ILCS 45 (2014). IEPA proposed the amendments to streamline the permitting rules and incorporate terminology from the amended PWSO Act and to add provisions for incorporation by reference of various national water standards. The Board's first-notice proposal largely adopted IEPA's proposed amendments.

The Board received comments on its first-notice proposal from IEPA and JCAR staff. The Board's second-notice proposal largely reflects the rules proposed at first notice.

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