

## **Board Proposes Second-Notice Water Quality Standard for Segment of Sangamon River**

On October 4, 2018, the Board proposed a site-specific chronic water quality standard for dissolved nickel. The water quality standard, which the Board proposed for second-notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, would apply to a segment of the Sangamon River to which the Sanitary District of Decatur discharges. The District's discharge exceeds the generally-applicable water quality standard, which the District cannot meet by any treatment method that is both technically feasible and economically reasonable. The proposed site-specific standard is based on the bioavailability of nickel to aquatic life in the Sangamon River near the District's discharge. The rulemaking is captioned Proposed Site-Specific Rule for Sanitary District of Decatur from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(e), docket R14-24. Here is a link to the Board's [opinion and order](#), which includes the rule text. For more information, please contact Tim Fox at 312-814-6085 or [Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov).