

Board Adopts Amendments to Public Water Supply Regulations

On April 7, 2016, the Board adopted an order amending the Board's public water supply rules. The rulemaking, initiated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), is docketed as Public Water Supplies: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 601, 602, and 603 (R15-22). The amended rules became final upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The amendments (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 Joint Committee on Administrative Rules issued a certificate of no objection to the amended rules and a recommendation directed solely at IEPA to promptly repeal the provisions in its Part 652 that are duplicated in amended Part 602. The amended rules largely reflect IEPA's proposal to amend Parts 601 through 603 as modified during the proceeding.

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