

Board Adopts Amendments in Rulemaking R14-23

On February 19, 2015, the Board adopted amended rules in Standards and Requirements for Potable Water Well Surveys and Community Relations Activities Performed in Conjunction with Agency Notices of Threats from Contamination: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1600, R-14-23.

When it submitted a rulemaking proposal on June 17, 2014, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency stated that the Board originally adopted Part 1600 in 2006 to implement Section 25d of the Environmental Protection Act. That provision requires public notification when contamination poses a threat of exposure above appropriate remediation objectives on one or more offsite properties. The Agency indicated that subsequent legislative and rulemaking actions necessitate amendment of these rules. The Agency proposed to require notice to specified members of the public if measured offsite soil gas contamination from the site where the release occurred poses a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier I remediation objectives. The Agency also proposed to require notice if measured offsite groundwater contamination from volatile chemicals poses a threat of indoor inhalation exposure above the appropriate Tier I remediation objectives. The amended rules adopted by the Board largely reflect the Agency's original proposal.

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