

Board Adopts Amendments to Identical-In-Substance Drinking Water Regulations

On November 5, 2015, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted amendments to the Illinois regulations that are “identical-in-substance” to drinking water regulations adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The rulemaking is docketed as R16-4, SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015).

The adopted amendments do not include any direct USEPA actions with regard to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations during the first half of 2015, since no such actions occurred. Instead, the amendments make needed corrections to the existing rules to accommodate suggestions from the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), as well as corrections initiated by the Board. JCAR staff’s suggestions, which concern limited minor errors in the text of the Illinois rules, were made during the course of the last SDWA update in docket R15-2. And in the general rulemaking docketed as R15-23, IEPA pointed out segments of the public notification provisions of the rules that refer to the federal secondary maximum contaminant level for fluoride, which the Board removed from the Illinois rules several years ago. Finally, the Board corrects the spelling of “exceedence” to “exceedance” where this appears in various segments of the rules.

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