

Board Adopts Second-Notice Proposal to Amend Water Permitting Regulations

On January 21, 2016, the Board proposed amendments to the Board's water permitting rules for second-notice review before the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). The rulemaking, initiated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), is docketed as Water Pollution: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill Adm. Code Part 309, (R15-24).

The proposed amendments are intended to allow IEPA to accept an application for renewal of a Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit up to the expiration date of the existing permit while administratively continuing the existing permit. The amendments also clarify certain existing permit exemptions and create new exemptions for certain facilities that, according to IEPA, do not warrant technical review, and make other changes intended to streamline the permitting process.

The Board received no comments after it published its first-notice opinion and order.

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