

Board Sends Proposed Standards and Requirements for Potable Water Well Surveys to Final Notice

On September 7, 2006, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted for final notice a rulemaking adding a new Part 1600 to the Board's regulations setting standards and requirements for potable water well surveys and for community relations activities in response to impacts or threats from soil and groundwater contamination. The rulemaking is docketed as In the Matter of: Standards and Requirements for Potable Water Well Surveys and for Community Relations Activities Performed in Conjunction with Agency Notices of Threats from Contamination Under PA 94-314: New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1600 (R06-23). On January 20, 2006, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed this proposal in response to Public Act 94-314, effective July 25, 2005, which added a new Title VI-D ("Right-To-Know") to the Environmental Protection Act (Act). Public Act 94-314 requires the Board to adopt well survey and community relations rules no later than September 17, 2006.

Subpart B sets forth well survey procedures, as well as minimum standards for the performance and documentation of surveys during site investigations. The well survey rules apply to response actions taken pursuant to Board rules requiring that a release of contaminants be addressed.

Subpart C sets forth two alternative levels of community relations activities depending on the severity of the offsite impacts or threats of impact. Subpart C also establishes requirements for document repositories, if applicable, notices, fact sheets and community relations plans. Finally, Subpart C establishes the IEPA's review of an authorized party's community relations plan and the execution of that plan.

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