

Board Adopts First Notice Proposal for Amendments to Groundwater Quality Rules

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on October 20, 2011, adopted for first notice a proposal to amend the Board's groundwater quality rules. This rulemaking, docketed as Proposed Amendments to Groundwater Quality Standards, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620, (R08-18), was initiated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to amend Part 620 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code 620).

The proposed amendments provide updates based upon new scientific data, federal amendments, and technical references. Groundwater quality standards are added for 39 chemical constituents detected in Illinois groundwater that have toxicity values established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) or that have groundwater remediation objectives under the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO). Additionally, the Class I arsenic standard is revised to reflect the new federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).

Publication of these proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will begin a 45-day public comment period, during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R08-18, should be indicated on the public comment.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained from the Clerk's office upon payment of reproduction fees as prescribed by Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/6].

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