

Board Adopts Final Amendments to Groundwater Quality Rules

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on October 4, 2012, adopted final amendments to 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 amendments provide updates to Part 620 based upon new scientific data, federal rules, and technical references. Among other things, 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 groundwater quality standard for arsenic is revised to reflect the new federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The amendments adopted by the Board are substantively unchanged from those proposed at first and second notice.

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