

## **Board Accepts for Hearing a Proposal to Establish Alternative Thermal Effluent Limitations**

The Board, on July 11, 2013, accepted for hearing and adopted a first notice opinion and order in an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) rulemaking proposing procedural rules for establishing alternative thermal effluent limitations under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Illinois Administrative Code. The proposal that was filed with the Board on June 21, 2013 was docketed as In the Matter of: Procedural Rules for Alternative Thermal Effluent Limitations Under Section 316(a) of the Clean Water Act: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 106, Subpart K and Amended Section 304.141(c) (R13-20).

Specifically, the proposal will provide procedural rules for establishing alternative thermal effluent limitations under Section 316(a) of the CWA and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.141. The proposal would also update Section 304.141 of the Board's regulations to include a cross-reference to the new Subpart K and to update language to reflect the United States Environmental Protection Agency delegation of permitting authority to the IEPA.

In addition to accepting the proposed rulemaking for hearing, the Board directed the assigned hearing officer to schedule and to proceed to hearing in the matter.

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, R13-20, 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  
John Therriault, Clerk  
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](http://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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