

Board Adopts Final Order Making Technical Corrections to Recently-Adopted Amendments of Groundwater Quality Standards

The Board, on October 3, 2013, issued a final order adopting technical corrections to recent amendments of the Part 620 groundwater quality standards (GQS). On April 18, 2013, the Board opened a subdocket B in this proceeding and proposed first-notice amendments consisting of three technical corrections to the GQS amendments adopted by the Board on October 4, 2012 (Proposed Amendments to Groundwater Quality Standards (35 Ill. Adm. Code 620), R08-18). On August 22, 2013, the Board proposed second-notice amendments, and on September 17, 2013, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules issued a certification of no objection concerning those amendments. The technical corrections were needed due to scriveners' errors that occurred during the R08-18 rulemaking.

R08-18(B) was opened solely to make several technical corrections to Section 620.420(b)(1) (35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.420(b)(1)), which lists organic chemicals and corresponding concentrations and provides that the concentrations must not be exceeded in Class II general resource groundwater. The amendments adopted in subdocket B remedy the inadvertent (1) deletion of trichloroethylene and its Class II GQS, (2) modification of the 1,1,2-trichloroethane Class II GQS, and (3) failure to place an asterisk next to the dibenzo(a,h)anthracene Class II GQS to reflect that the chemical is carcinogenic.

The Board had already held the public hearings required by the Environmental Protection Act during the R08-18 rulemaking. The Board received no request for an additional hearing in subdocket B. In addition, the Board received no public comment on subdocket B's first-notice amendments, which were unchanged at second notice.

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