

WATER QUALITY TRIENNIAL REVIEW UPDATE

On October 17, 2002, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted a second notice opinion and order in the rulemaking entitled Water Quality Triennial Review: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.105, 302.208(e)-(g), 302.504(a), 302.575(d), 309.141(h); and Proposed 35 Ill. Adm Code 301.267, 301.313,301.413, 304.120, and 309.157, R02-11. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency initiated this rulemaking proposal to update the Board's regulations as part of the State's triennial review of water regulations.

Specifically, this rulemaking would implement new aquatic life acute and chronic numeric General Use Water Quality Standards and Lake Michigan Water Quality Standards for benzene, ethyl benzene, toluene, and xylene (BETX). The rulemaking also would revise General Use Water Quality Standards for zinc and nickel. Changes are proposed for the General Use Water Quality Standards for metals from total to dissolved form. This rulemaking would make corrections to the Lake Michigan water rules adopted in Conforming Amendments For The Great Lakes Initiative: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.101; 302.105; 302.Subpart E; 303.443 and 304.222, R97-25 (Dec. 18, 1997)(GLI). Additionally, this rulemaking would allow the Agency to use carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) instead of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5) in National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

The proposed rulemakings now go to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for review.

Three hearings were held on the water quality triennial review rulemaking. Written public comments, hearing transcripts, and prefiled testimony in this matter are posted on the Board's Web site. Hard copies of transcripts, written comments, or any other document filed in this matter may be downloaded from the Web free of charge or obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3629, or by writing to the Clerk's office at the following address:

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