

Board Proposes For First Notice Fluoridation Requirement for Drinking Water

On June 4, 2015, the Board proposed for first notice publication Amendments to Primary Drinking Water Standards 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611, R15-23. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed the proposal on May 20, 2015, seeking to amend the fluoridation requirement in the Board's public water supply regulations. IEPA included two motions, a motion for expedited review and a motion asking the Board to adopt the proposal as an emergency rule while proceeding with expedited review. The Board granted the motion for expedited review, consistent with the Board's resources, and reserved ruling on the motion to adopt an emergency rule. The Board requested that IEPA provide additional information and invited public comment on whether or not the proposal should be adopted as an emergency rule.

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

Pollution Control Board
John T. 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 the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) on the Board's Web site 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. The docket number for this rulemaking, R15-23, should be indicated on the public comment.

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Board Extends Issues Order Regarding Temperature in Chicago Area Waterways System and Lower Des Plaines River Subdocket D Rulemaking

On June 4, 2015, the Board adopted an order in Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System [CAWS] and Lower Des Plaines River [LDPR]: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301, 302, 303, and 304, R08-9(D). The order noted that the Board agreed with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) to extend the second notice period. The Board and JCAR agreed to this extension to allow the Board to reopen public comment on the issue of temperature. Accordingly, on May 20, 2015, the Board allowed participants to provide comment on temperature until June 1, 2015. The Board received four comments from participants by the June 1, 2015 deadline. In addition, 271 single-page comments expressing support for the Board's rule were received. In the June 4, 2015 order, the Board reviewed the comments and found it unnecessary to suggest to JCAR any changes in the thermal standards or delayed effective date.

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