

Board Proposes First-Notice Water Quality Standard for Segment of Sangamon River

On July 26, 2018, the Board proposed a site-specific chronic water quality standard for dissolved nickel. The water quality standard, which the Board proposed for first notice, would apply to a segment of the Sangamon River to which the Sanitary District of Decatur discharges. The District's discharge exceeds the generally-applicable water quality standard, which the District cannot meet by any treatment method that is both technically feasible and economically reasonable. After holding a public hearing and receiving public comments, the Board proposed the site-specific standard based on the bioavailability of nickel to aquatic life in the Sangamon River near the District's discharge. The rulemaking is captioned Proposed Site-Specific Rule for Sanitary District of Decatur from 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.208(e), docket R14-24. Here is a link to the Board's [opinion and order](#), which includes the proposed site-specific rule text. The first-notice proposal appeared in the *Illinois Register* on August 10, 2018 (42 Ill. Reg. 14468-73). Public comments on the first-notice proposal must be filed by September 24, 2018. For more information, please contact Tim Fox at 312-814-6085 or Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov.