

Board to Hold Hearing on Proposal to Amend Laboratory Certification for Analyzing Water

The Board, on October 3, 2013, accepted for hearing a proposal that would allow a laboratory certified by a sister state to perform chemical and physical analyses of source water and drinking water for the purposes of demonstrating compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR). Currently, laboratories used must be certified and approved either by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) or the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). On September 19, 2013, the IEPA filed this rulemaking docketed as In the Matter of: Amendments to Primary Drinking Water Standards: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.490 (R14-9). The IEPA states that its amendment is intended to allow the use of laboratories certified by sister states where the states fulfill certain specified requirements.

The Board encourages persons to file public comments on these proposed amendments. The docket number for this rulemaking, R14-9, should be indicated on the public comment.

The Board has scheduled two public hearings in this rulemaking. The first hearing will be held November 5, 2013 at 1:00PM at the James R. Thompson Center, Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing Room, 100 West Randolph Street, Room 11-512, Chicago. The second hearing is scheduled for 1:00PM at the Sangamo Building, Illinois Pollution Control Board Hearing Room, 1021 North Grand Avenue, Springfield.

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

Pollution Control Board
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. 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 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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