

Board Proposes Second-Notice Amendments to its Mine-Related Water Pollution Rules

On July 25, 2019, the Board proposed non-substantive amendments to its mine-related water pollution rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 401-406) for second-notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). The Board's existing rules on mining operations and mine-related activities establish a permit system that addresses both State and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits. The rules also provide water quality and effluent standards for mining operations and mine-related activities. With its second-notice proposal, the Board intends to streamline, update, and clarify these rules. The proposal includes amendments proposed by the Board and by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The proposed amendments are expected to be on the agenda for JCAR's September 17, 2019 meeting. This rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle D: Mine-Related Water Pollution, docket R18-24. Here is the link to the Board's [second-notice opinion and order](#), which includes the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox (312-814-6085, Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov) or Natalie Winqvist (312-814-6931, Natalie.Winqvist@Illinois.Gov).