

Board Adopts Final Amendments to its General Procedural Rules

On August 22, 2019, the Board adopted final amendments to Part 101 of its procedural rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101). Part 101 contains the Board's general rules of procedure, which apply to all types of Board proceedings. The adopted amendments cover four subjects. First, persons offering exhibits at adjudicatory or time-limited water quality standard (TLWQS) hearings must electronically file those exhibits after hearing with the Clerk's Office. Second, under recent amendments to the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (P.A. 100-880, eff. Jan. 1, 2019), the Board will e-mail serve its final adjudicatory orders on parties consenting to e-mail service, except for final enforcement orders. Third, the Board specifies Part 101's applicability to TLWQS proceedings, which do not fall within either of the traditional types of Board proceedings—rulemakings and adjudicatory cases. Fourth, the Board clarifies, updates, and streamlines Part 101 consistent with the Board's regulatory review initiative.

At its August 13, 2019 meeting, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules issued a "Certification of No Objection" to the Board's proposed second-notice amendments, subject to a handful of non-substantive changes which the Board included in the final rules. This rulemaking is captioned Proposed Amendments to General Procedural Rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 101), docket R19-19. Here are links to the Board's (1) [final opinion and order](#) and (2) [addendum](#) containing the adopted rule text. For more information, please contact Marie Tipsord (312-814-4925, Marie.Tipsord@Illinois.Gov) or Richard McGill (312-814-6983, Richard.McGill@Illinois.Gov).