

Board Adopts Amendments to its Mine-Related Water Pollution Rules

On September 19, 2019, the Board adopted non-substantive amendments to its mine-related water pollution rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 401-406). The Board's 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. The adopted amendments streamline, update, and clarify these rules.

At its September 17, 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 amendments. This rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle D: Mine-Related Water Pollution, docket R18-24. Here are links to the Board's (1) [final opinion and order](#) and (2) the [addendum](#) containing the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox (312-814-6085, Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov).