

## **Board Proposes “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Drinking Water Rules**

On December 19, 2019, the Board proposed—for public comment—amendments to Illinois’ primary drinking water regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611. The proposed amendments are “identical in substance” to rule amendments adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the second half of 2018. Specifically, on October 12, 2018, USEPA approved new alternative test procedures (ATPs) for demonstrating compliance with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. USEPA corrected the ATPs on October 31, 2018.

In addition to the revisions prompted by USEPA’s new ATPs, the Board found more amendments necessary. For example, to aid in understanding the rules and facilitate future amendments, the Board renamed analytical methods and simplified their incorporations by reference. The Board also corrected rules that were revised most recently in Public Water Supplies: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 604 and Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 601, 602, 607, and 611, R18-17 (July 25, 2019). Finally, the Board found that unavoidable delay required extending the deadline for completing the amendments—from October 31, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018), docket R19-16. Here are links to (1) the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the proposed rule text, and (2) the Board’s [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Michael McCambridge at 312-814-6924 or [michael.mcambridge@illinois.gov](mailto:michael.mcambridge@illinois.gov).