

ORIGINAL

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

April 17, 2003

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
 AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL. ADM. CODE) R03-21
 602.105, 602.106, 602.108, and 602.115) (Rulemaking - Public Water Supply)

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

DATES, TIMES, PLACES:

FIRST HEARING: THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

1:30 p.m.
 Illinois Pollution Control Board
 600 South Second Street, Suite 402
 Springfield, Illinois

SECOND HEARING: THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2003

1:30 p.m.
 Illinois Pollution Control Board
 James R. Thompson Center
 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
 Chicago, Illinois

PURPOSE OF HEARINGS: Merit and economic
 ATTENDING BOARD MEMBER: Lynne P. Padovan
 HEARING OFFICER: Richard R. McGill, Jr.

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HEARING OFFICER ORDER

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed a proposal with the Board on April 7, 2003, to amend the Board's permitting rules for public water supplies (PWS) at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 602. The Agency asks the Board to adopt the proposed amendments before December 8, 2003, when existing regulatory exemptions from restricted status expire and the final radionuclide standard for drinking water takes effect. Today the Board accepted the proposal for hearing.

The proposal would allow the Agency to continue issuing permits to PWS that exceed the drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for combined radium, gross alpha particle activity, or uranium, but only if the PWS is bound by court order or Compliance Commitment Agreement to meet the standard. The proposal also seeks to require new certifications for construction permit applications and to update references to Agency technical and design criteria.

Two hearings are presently scheduled for R03-21, as noted above. The purpose of these hearings is to allow the Board to receive testimony from the Agency and other interested persons on the merits and economic impact of the proposal. At hearing, all persons who testify will be sworn and subject to questioning. The Board also will receive testimony on any economic impact study (EcIS) conducted by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) on the proposed rules or DCCA decision not to perform an EcIS.

The Agency's rulemaking proposal, including its statement of reasons and proposed amendatory language, may be obtained on the Board's Web Site through the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Public comments, hearing transcripts, and opinions and orders in R03-21 also will be available on-line through COOL.

The Notice List for this rulemaking is the list of persons who wish to receive only the Board's opinions and orders and hearing officer orders. The Service List is the list of persons who wish to actively participate in this proceeding and receive not only opinions and orders, but also other filings such as public comments. Persons must provide copies of documents they file with the Board to all persons on the Service List. To be placed on or to receive a copy of the Notice List or Service List, please contact Lynn Delaney at (312) 814-3832 or the hearing officer.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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