

## **Board Proposes “Identical-in-Substance” Amendment to Wastewater Pretreatment Rules**

On February 17, 2022, the Board proposed—for public comment—an amendment to Illinois’ wastewater pretreatment rules. The amendment will keep these rules “identical in substance” to those of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The Board’s rulemaking responds to a single USEPA action taken during the first half of 2021. On May 19, 2021, USEPA updated the methods for analyzing contaminants in wastewater, including for wastewater pretreatment. USEPA’s analytical methods are incorporated by reference in the Illinois wastewater pretreatment rules, and simply updating that incorporation by reference will complete Board rulemaking on USEPA’s action.

The Board will accept public comments on the proposed amendment for at least 45 days after its publication in the *Illinois Register*. The Board expects to adopt the final rule in May of this year.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned Wastewater Pretreatment Update, USEPA Regulations (January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021), docket R22-7. Here are links to (1) the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendment, and (2) the Board’s [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Michael McCambridge at [michael.mccambridge@illinois.gov](mailto:michael.mccambridge@illinois.gov).