Board Proposes Non-Substantive Amendments to Water Pollution Rules for First Notice

On April 21, 2022, the Board proposed non-substantive amendments to its water pollution rules for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. These proposed amendments are part of a larger undertaking by the Board to update its rules across multiple media and subject areas. The proposal will remove unnecessary language, replace outdated text, update statutory references, and reorganize provisions for clarity.

During this rulemaking, the Board held two public hearings and received testimony and public comment from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The first-notice amendments, which include changes proposed by IEPA, impact all 11 Parts of the Board's Subtitle C water pollution rules, *i.e.*, Parts 301 through 310 and 312 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code. *Illinois Register* publication of the proposal will start a period of at least 45 days during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board concerning the proposed amendments.

The rulemaking is captioned <u>Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle C: Water Pollution</u>, docket R18-23. Here is the link to the Board's <u>first-notice opinion and order</u>, which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox at <u>tim.fox@illinois.gov</u> or Mark Kaminski at <u>mark.kaminski@illinois.gov</u>.