

## **Board Adopts Non-Substantive Amendments to Water Pollution Rules**

On March 2, 2023, the Board issued a final order adopting non-substantive amendments to its water pollution rules. These amendments affect all 11 Parts of the Board's Subtitle C rules, *i.e.*, Parts 301 through 310 and 312 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code. These amendments are part of a larger undertaking by the Board to update its rules across multiple media and subjects. The amendments remove unnecessary language, replace outdated text, update statutory references, and reorganize provisions for clarity.

During this rulemaking, the Board held public hearings and received testimony and public comment from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) suggested numerous changes to the rules proposed by the Board at first notice. At its February 14, 2023 meeting, JCAR issued a Certification of No Objection for all the amendments in the Board's proposal. The amendments will take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle C: Water Pollution, docket R18-23. Here is the link to the Board's [final opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox at [tim.fox@illinois.gov](mailto:tim.fox@illinois.gov).