

Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Drinking Water Rules

On December 7, 2023, the Board adopted amendments to Illinois’ primary drinking water regulations at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611. The amendments are “identical in substance” to amendments adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) during the second half of 2022. During this period, USEPA did not amend the federal National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs), but it did grant summary approval of seven additional alternative test procedures (ATPs) for analyzing contaminants in drinking water. The Board therefore added these additional ATPs to the Illinois drinking water monitoring rules.

During this rulemaking, the Board received comments from the Illinois Secretary of State, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The Board addressed these comments in its December 7, 2023 opinion, a link to which is provided below.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022), docket R23-9. Here are links to (1) the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the adopted amendments; and (2) the Board’s [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Chloe Salk at 312-814-3932 or chloe.salk@illinois.gov.