

Board Proposes “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Wastewater Pretreatment Rules

On March 7, 2024, for public comment, the Board proposed amendments to Illinois’ wastewater pretreatment regulations. The proposed amendments are “identical in substance” to rule amendments adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the second half of 2023. Specifically, on August 9, 2023, USEPA updated the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for dental offices as a point source category (40 C.F.R. § 441.50).

Publication of the Board’s proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will start a period of at least 45 days during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. In May of this year, the Board expects to adopt final amendments.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned Wastewater Pretreatment Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023), docket R24-14. Here is a link to the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Daniel Pauley at 312-814-6931 or daniel.pauley@illinois.gov.