

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

August 19, 2026

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
)  
SDWA UPDATE, USEPA AMENDMENTS ) R25-1(A)  
(January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024) ) (Identical-in-Substance  
) Rulemaking - Public Water Supply)

**HEARING OFFICER ORDER**

On August 19, 2026, the hearing officer held a Webex status conference on this rulemaking. The hearing officer reported the estimated timeframe for proceeding in this rulemaking and addressed questions related to the current record. The participants were directed to participate in the standard rulemaking process via the upcoming public comment period to address any open issues they may have with the proposed regulations.

**Statutory Requirements**

Sections 7.2 and 17.5 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/7.2 and 17.5 (2024)) provide for quick adoption by the Board of regulations Identical in Substance (IIS) to regulations USEPA adopts to implement Sections 1412(b), 1414(c), 1417(a), and 1445(a) of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (42 U.S.C. §§ 300g-1(a), 300g-3(c), 300g-6(a), and 300j-4(a) (2021)). The NPDWRs implement these sections of SDWA. SDWA regulations are found at 40 C.F.R. 141 through 143.

Section 17.5 of the Act also provides that Title VII of the Act and Section 5 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 ILCS 100/5-35 and 5-40 (2024)) do not apply to the Board's adoption of IIS regulations.

The Board will submit the proposed amendments in this matter for publication in the *Illinois Register* and receive public comments for at least 45 days after publication.

**Service and Notice Lists**

The Board will establish and maintain Service and Notice Lists for this rulemaking.

All persons on the Notice List will receive notice of Board opinions and orders and hearing officer orders. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.422(a). Persons on the Service List will receive notification of all filings in this proceeding. Any person may sign up for the Service or Notice list with the Clerk's Office On-Line (COOL) on the Board website ([pcb.illinois.gov](http://pcb.illinois.gov)), persons should request to receive electronic notice for this docket number R 25-1(A). The electronic notice generates an email when the Board receives and docket a filing in this proceeding. These newly-filed documents will then be available to view and download free of charge from COOL.

Additionally, participants may obtain a copy of the proposed regulation and the August

6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 opinion and order and any future public comments that discusses this rulemaking through the Board's Clerk's Office Online (COOL) on the Board's website at [pcb.illinois.gov](http://pcb.illinois.gov) or by calling the Clerk's Office at 312-814-3461.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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