

## **Board Proposes Non-Substantive Amendments to Agriculture-Related Water Pollution Rules for Second Notice**

On January 4, 2024, the Board proposed non-substantive amendments to its agriculture-related water pollution rules for second-notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). 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 The proposal will remove unnecessary language, replace outdated text, update statutory references, and reorganize provisions for clarity.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, receiving testimony from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The Board also received three public comments from IEPA, as well as a collective public comment from the Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Milk Producers Association, and the Illinois Pork Producers Association. In addition, JCAR suggested numerous changes to the rules proposed by the Board at first notice. The Board's proposed second-notice amendments impact all four Parts of the Board's Subtitle E rules, *i.e.*, Parts 501, 502, 503, and 506 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code. The amendments are scheduled to be considered by JCAR at its February 6, 2024 meeting.

The rulemaking is captioned [Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle E](#), docket R18-25. Here is a link to the Board's [second-notice opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Hearing Officer Carlie Leoni at 312-814-3886 or [carlie.leoni@illinois.gov](mailto:carlie.leoni@illinois.gov).