ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD August 12, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GROUNDWATER QUALITY (35 I) ADM. CODE 620) FOR 35 ILL. AD CODE 811, 814		R22-18(A) (Rulemaking – Public Water Supplies)
NOTICE OF HEARING		
DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION	IS:	
RESCHEDULED HEARING:	September 16, 2025 Beginning at 10:30 a.m.	
IN PERSON:	Michael A. Bilandic Building 160 N. LaSalle, Room N502 CHICAGO	
	Board's Hearing Room 2520 W. Iles Ave. SPRINGFIELD	
PURPOSE OF HEARINGS:		Merit and Economic
ATTENDING BOARD MEMBERS:		Barbara Flynn Currie Michelle Gibson
HEARING OFFICERS:		Vanessa Horton Chloe Salk

HEARING OFFICER ORDER

The initial hearing in this sub-docket had been scheduled for August 12, 2025, and the hearing officer has rescheduled it to be held on September 16, 2025.

At second notice, the Board opened this sub-docket to further develop the record on the economic impact of Part 620 PFAS standards on landfills. The Board said that the "main purpose of the sub-docket is to receive testimony and evidence on any economic impact that adding the PFAS standards to Part 620 would have on compliance costs under the current versions of Part 811 and Part 814." Sec. Not. at 19. The Board indicated that it expects to receive economic information that may be considered for removing the Part 620 exception from the PFAS standards for Part 811 and Part 814 landfills. In addition, the Board said that it "will consider any amendments to Part 811 or Part 814 proposed in response to adoption of the Part 620 PFAS standards." *Id*.

The Board will conduct one hearing to allow any interested participant to testify and comment on the merits and economic impact of applying the Part 620 PFAS standards to Part 807, 811, and 814 landfills.

The Board's procedural rules provide that "[a]ny Board hearing may be held by videoconference." The rules list factors that hearing officers consider when determining whether to hold a hearing by videoconference. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.600(b).

The Board expects that its videoconference facilities will accommodate attendance and participation at these hearings. Additionally, videoconference hearings would reduce the time and cost of travel for the Board and hearing participants. Having considered these factors, the Board concludes to conduct this hearing by videoconference between Chicago and Springfield. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.600(b).

Pre-Filed Testimony

Participants have filed written testimony, the Board has filed written questions, and participants have filed written responses. The Board expects to ask witnesses and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency representatives to answer follow-up questions at hearing.

All persons wishing to testify at hearing will be sworn in and subject to questioning. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.428(a). At the hearing, all pre-filed testimony will be entered into the record as if read. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.424(f).

For a videoconference hearing, the Board's rules require that any document to be offered as a hearing exhibit must be received by the Clerk's Office at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the hearing. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.424(h). If not filed at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the videoconference hearing, the document will not be admitted as an exhibit at the hearing but may be filed as a public comment after the hearing. *Id*.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable federal and State laws, the hearing will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Persons requiring auxiliary aids and services should contact Don Brown, Clerk of the Board, at 100 West Randolph St., Suite 11-500, Chicago, Illinois 60601, at telephone number (312) 814-3620, fax number (312) 814-3669, or TDD number (866) 323-1677, five days prior to the hearing.

Unless the Board, hearing officer, Clerk, or procedural rules provide otherwise, all documents in this proceeding must be filed electronically through COOL. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.302(h), 101.1000(c), 101.Subpart J.

Participants wishing to offer oral public comment will be allowed to do so as time allows before the end of the hearing. Participants may also file post-hearing comments electronically. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.108(b).

Service and Notice Lists

The Board has established and will maintain both a Notice List and a Service List for this proceeding. The Notice List includes participants who wish to receive only the Board's opinion and orders and hearing officer orders. 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.422(a). The Service List includes participants who expect to participate more actively and wish to also receive other filings such as pre-filed testimony. *See* 35 Ill. Adm. Code 102.422(b).

Note that any interested person may request electronic notice of filings by providing an email address through COOL under this docket number R22-18(A). This electronic notice includes notice of filing documents that are not typically provided to persons on the Notice List. In addition, COOL provides links to documents filed with the Board, and those documents can be viewed, downloaded, and printed free of charge as soon as they are posted to the Board's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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