

## **Board Adopts First Notice Proposal to Amend Laboratory Certification for Analyzing Water**

The Board, on December 19, 2013, adopted a first-notice opinion and order to amend the Illinois Primary Drinking Water Standards relating to certification of laboratories analyzing drinking water samples. Specifically, the proposed amendments would allow a drinking water supplier to use a laboratory certified by a sister state for a parameter where no United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) -certified or Illinois-certified laboratory exists for that parameter. Currently, laboratories used must be certified and approved either by the USEPA or the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). On September 19, 2013, the IEPA filed this rulemaking docketed as In the Matter of: Amendments to Primary Drinking Water Standards: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611.490 (R14-9).

The Board has conducted two public hearings in this matter. The Board will receive public comments on the proposed amendments for a period of no less than 45 days after the notice of these proposed amendments appears in the *Illinois Register*. After conclusion of the public comment period, the Board may propose the amendments for second notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules after consideration of the record assembled.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at [www.ipcb.state.il.us](http://www.ipcb.state.il.us). Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

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