

Board Adopts Second Notice Proposal to Amend Laboratory Certification for Analyzing Water

On March 6, 2014, the Board adopted a second-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).

After conducting two public hearings, providing for a 45-day public comment period, and considering the record in this proceeding, the Board proposes amendments to the Illinois Primary Drinking Water Standards at Part 611 for second notice review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). After conclusion of the second notice period for JCAR review, or after JCAR issues a certificate of no objection, the Board will promptly proceed to adopt the amendments and file them with the Office of the Secretary of State.

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