

Board Postpones Hearings in Proposal to Address Water Quality Standards and Criteria to Meet Aquatic Life Uses in the Chicago Area Waterway System and the Lower Des Plaines River

On August 4, 2011, the Illinois Pollution Control Board delayed the hearings in subdocket D of the rulemaking docketed as In the Matter of: Water Quality Standards and Effluent Limitations for the Chicago Area Waterway System and Lower Des Plaines River: Proposed Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 301, 302, 303, and 304 (C & D). Subdocket C deals with Aquatic Life Uses while Subdocket D deals with water quality standards and criteria to meet aquatic life uses.

The Board finds that delaying the hearings in Subdocket D until the Board goes to first notice in Subdocket C is appropriate. Also as the Board will proceed to first notice in Subdocket C before hearings begin in Subdocket D; the Board will not create an additional subdocket as requested by Cito Petroleum and PDV Midwest, LLC.

This October 2007 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) proposal would amend the Board's rules for Secondary Contact and Indigenous Aquatic Life Uses to update the designated uses and criteria necessary to protect existing uses. Subdocket A that deals with recreational uses is approaching final adoption. Subdocket B that deals with disinfection has proceeded to first notice.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained from the Clerk's office upon payment of reproduction fees as prescribed by Section 6 of the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140/6].

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