Board to Hold Hearings on Proposal to Amend Public Water Supply Regulations

On May 21, 2015, the Board adopted an order accepting for hearing a proposal to amend the Board's public water supply regulations. The rulemaking, <u>Public Water Supplies: Proposed</u> <u>Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 601, 602, and 603</u> (R15-22), was filed with the Board on May 8, 2015 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

IEPA proposed the amendments to (1) update Parts 601 through 603; (2) consolidate the community water supply permitting rules in Parts 652 and 602; and (3) amend Part 603 to be consistent with recent amendments to the Public Water Supply Operations Act, 415 ILCS 45 (2012). IEPA asserts that the proposed regulations seek to streamline the permitting rules and update the existing regulations to be consistent with recent statutory changes.

The Board directed the assigned hearing officer to schedule and proceed to hearing. After conducting hearings on this proposal, the Board will determine whether to proceed to first notice.

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