

## **Board Adopts Second-Notice Proposal to Establish a Setback Zone for Several Community Water Supply Wells Owned by Fayette Water Company**

On May 17, 2012, the Board adopted a second notice rulemaking proposal to establish a maximum setback zone for six community water supply (CWS) wells owned by Fayette Water Company in Fayette County. The wells are situated in the Kaskaskia River flood plain and serve portions of Fayette, Shelby, and Kaskaskia Counties. The proposal was filed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) on April 21, 2011, and is docketed as In the Matter of: Setback Zone for Fayette Water Company Community Water Supply: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 618, (R11-25).

The rulemaking proposes a maximum circular setback zone of 1,000 feet. The IEPA states that it “considers these wells to be geologically sensitive and concluded that all the water system’s wells are highly vulnerable to contamination.” The IEPA states the regulation is intended to prevent contamination of the groundwater. The proposal would also reorganize Part 618 to accommodate future establishment of additional maximum setback zones.

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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