

## **Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Drinking Water Rules**

On May 10, 2018, the Board adopted final amendments to its drinking water rules at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611. The amendments are “identical in substance” to 17 alternative equivalent methods that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) summarily approved on July 27, 2017, for analyzing contaminants in drinking water. Specifically, under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), USEPA summarily approved eight methods for eight inorganic contaminants and pH; four methods for three radioactive contaminants and parameters; three methods for a raw water parameter used to determine the potential for disinfection byproducts to form; one method for disinfection byproducts; and one method for two microbiological contaminants. The Board’s rulemaking is captioned SDWA Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017), docket R18-9. Here is a link to the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the rule text. For more information, please contact Michael McCambridge at 312-814-6924 or [Michael.McCambridge@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Michael.McCambridge@Illinois.Gov).