

## **Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Wastewater Pretreatment Rules**

On May 10, 2018, the Board adopted final amendments to its wastewater pretreatment rules at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 307. The amendments are “identical in substance” to actions taken in 2017 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) concerning two “point source” categories of wastewater dischargers. Specifically, under the federal Clean Water Act, USEPA (1) adopted discharge standards for dental facilities and (2) postponed the effective date of 2015 pretreatment standards—from November 1, 2018 to November 1, 2020—for existing (not new) steam electric power generating units. The Board’s rulemaking is captioned Wastewater Pretreatment Update, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017), docket R18-6 and Wastewater Pretreatment Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017), docket R18-14 (consol.). 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).