

## **Board Proposes First-Notice Amendments to its Mine-Related Water Pollution Rules**

On March 28, 2019, the Board proposed non-substantive amendments to its mine-related water pollution rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 401-406) for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. The Board's existing rules on mining operations and mine-related activities establish a permit system that addresses both State permits and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits. The rules also provide water quality and effluent standards. With its first-notice proposal, the Board intends only to streamline, update, and clarify these rules. The proposal includes amendments proposed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Board held two hearings before proceeding to first notice. No additional hearings are scheduled at this time. The Board will accept public comments on the proposed amendments for at least 45 days after they are published in the *Illinois Register*. This rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle D: Mine-Related Water Pollution, docket R18-24. Here are the links to the Board's [opinion and order](#) and the [addendum](#) containing the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox (312-814-6085, [Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov)) or Natalie Winquist (312-814-6931, [Natalie.Winquist@Illinois.Gov](mailto:Natalie.Winquist@Illinois.Gov)).