

Board Adopts Final Amendments to its Public Water Supplies Rules

On July 25, 2019, the Board adopted final amendments to its public water supplies rules, which took effect on July 26, 2019. Less than two months earlier, on May 30, 2019, the Board submitted proposed amendments to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for second-notice review. At its meeting on July 16, 2019, JCAR issued its Certification of No Objection, subject to a limited number of agreed changes to the rules.

This rulemaking was initiated when the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) proposed that the Board amend its public water supplies rules by adopting a new Part 604 entitled “Design, Operation and Maintenance Criteria.” IEPA’s Part 653 rules for designing, operating, and maintaining community water supplies were last updated in 1985. IEPA asserted that its proposal would clarify these rules by consolidating them into a single comprehensive Part of Board rules. Ultimately, the Board adopted a new Part 604, amended Parts 601, 602, and 611, and repealed Part 607. With this final Board action, IEPA plans to repeal Parts 651, 653, and 654 of its rules.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned Public Water Supplies: Proposed New 35 Ill. Adm. Code 604 and Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 601, 602, 607, and 611, docket R18-17. Here is a link to the Board’s [final opinion and order](#), which includes the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Tim Fox (312-814-6085, Tim.Fox@Illinois.Gov).