

Illinois Pollution Control Board Releases Environmental Register for October 2012

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The [Illinois Pollution Control Board](#) recently issued its [Environmental Register for October 2012](#). The Environmental Register features a letter from Board Chairman Thomas Holbrook, which summarizes the activity that the Board has conducted in several rulemaking dockets.

The Environmental Register also contains a rulemaking update, including a summary of the Board's adoption of final amendments to groundwater quality rules: "The final rules update to Part 620 is based upon new scientific data, federal rules, and technical references. Among other things, groundwater quality standards are added for 39 chemical constituents detected in Illinois groundwater that have toxicity values established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) or that have groundwater remediation objectives under the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO). Additionally, the Class I groundwater quality standard for arsenic is revised to reflect the new federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). The amendments adopted by the Board are substantively unchanged from those proposed at first and second notice." Click [here](#) for more detailed information on these new rules.

The Board took the following actions in other rulemaking dockets:

- (1) Adopted proposed second notice amendments to update the Board's water quality standard rules for boron, fluoride, and manganese,
- (2) Adopted a proposal for public comment that would update the definition of "volatile organic material" in the Board's air pollution regulations, and
- (3) Proposed amendments to the Illinois regulations that are "identical in substance" to the drinking water regulations adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Environmental Register also contains a summary of actions of the Board, a summary of new cases, the Board's calendar, and restricted status and critical review lists of public water supplies.

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