

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Comment Period and Public Meeting

35 Ill. Adm. Code 620; Groundwater Quality

The Illinois EPA is proposing to update 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620: Groundwater Quality. The rules are the state standards that set acceptable levels for various pollutants in groundwater. Prior to submitting proposed rules to the Illinois Pollution Control Board for review and final adoption, the Illinois EPA is soliciting public comment on draft proposed rules.

The Illinois EPA will accept written public comment until **June 25, 2021**. Comments should be submitted to EPA.620.rulemaking@illinois.gov. All comments, including proposed alternative language, received by Illinois EPA will be considered prior to the Agency filing the proposed rule with Illinois Pollution Control Board. Questions about the process or rulemaking should be submitted to the e-mail address above.

The Illinois EPA will host a virtual public meeting to review the proposed changes and answer questions concerning the proposal. **The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on May 26, 2021.**

The meeting link is:

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=m19e9dc943bb9f835453fc6b6e8823826>

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The proposed updates include nine new chemicals, three new atrazine metabolites, and procedures for selecting toxicity values consistent with current federal guidance. Definitions are updated and references are consistent with those criteria and practices as incorporated. Site specific groundwater standards for designated Class III Special Resource Groundwater are also added. Exposure factors are updated, and the Human Non-Threshold Toxicant Advisory Concentration model is updated. Tables for similar-acting constituents are added. Finally, this proposal includes groundwater quality standards for five Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS), and perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS).

More information concerning the draft proposed rule may be found at

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/about-us/rules-regs/water/Pages/620-Groundwater-Quality.aspx>

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Time: 1:00 p.m. CT

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