

AN ACT concerning safety.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by changing Section 15 as follows:

(415 ILCS 5/15) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1015)

Sec. 15. Plans and specifications; demonstration of capability; record retention.

(a) Owners of public water supplies, their authorized representative, or legal custodians, shall submit plans and specifications to the Agency and obtain written approval before construction of any proposed public water supply installations, changes, or additions is started. Plans and specifications shall be complete and of sufficient detail to show all proposed construction, changes, or additions that may affect sanitary quality, mineral quality, or adequacy of the public water supply; and, where necessary, said plans and specifications shall be accompanied by supplemental data as may be required by the Agency to permit a complete review thereof. In the case of water main installation projects, all water main and appurtenances, including, but not limited to, fire hydrants and valves that are under the ownership and control of a public water supply and located in a public right

of way or utility access easement, shall be included in the Agency's written approval. Design review and permitting of water main and fire hydrants is the sole responsibility of the Agency and water main and fire hydrants shall be installed in accordance with the written Agency permit. Fire hydrants connected to a plumbing system shall be installed in accordance with the Illinois Plumbing License Law and the rules and ordinances issued thereunder.

(b) All new public water supplies established after October 1, 1999 shall demonstrate technical, financial, and managerial capacity as a condition for issuance of a construction or operation permit by the Agency or its designee. The demonstration shall be consistent with the technical, financial, and managerial provisions of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (P.L. 93-523), as now or hereafter amended. The Agency is authorized to adopt rules in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to implement the purposes of this subsection. Such rules must take into account the need for the facility, facility size, sophistication of treatment of the water supply, and financial requirements needed for operation of the facility.

(c) Except as otherwise provided under Board rules, owners and operators of community water systems must maintain all records, reports, and other documents related to the operation of the community water system for a minimum of 10 years. Documents required to be maintained under this subsection (c)

include, but are not limited to, all billing records and other documents related to the purchase of water from other community water systems. Documents required to be maintained under this subsection (c) must be maintained on the premises of the community water system, or at a convenient location near its premises, and must be made available to the Agency for inspection and copying during normal business hours.

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