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Clerk's Office Illinois Pollution Control Board JRTC 100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500 Chicago, IL 60601

Re: Special Waste Hauling Comments

Docket ID R19-18

Heritage Environmental Services, LLC

To Whom It May Concern:

Heritage Environmental Services, LLC ("Heritage") appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on the above-referenced document. Heritage is one of the largest privately-held operators of commercial RCRA TSD facilities in the United States. Heritage operates facilities that conduct storage, wastewater treatment, stabilization, incineration, and landfilling of hazardous waste, state-regulated waste, and non-hazardous waste for a large variety of generators across many business sectors. Heritage operates a receiving facility in Illinois, and coordinates several thousand waste shipments from Illinois generators on an annual basis. Therefore, Heritage is well positioned to offer comments on the proposed Special Waste Rule.

Heritage has included its comments in the Enclosure following this cover letter. If you have any questions or comments regarding this document, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 317.486.2726 or by email at terry.ferrill@heritage-enviro.com.

Sincerely,

Heritage Environmental Services, LLC

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ENCLOSURE

Allow shipments on a non-Agency prescribed manifest

The definition of a manifest within Section 809.103 and the related shipping instructions in Section 809.501 mandate the use of a yet-to-be-published Agency-prescribed form. Heritage requests that the Agency modify this requirement in one of two possible ways as follows:

- 1. Allow regulated stakeholders to submit an alternate form for Agency approval; or
- 2. Specify the information that must be contained on the manifest, but do not prescribe the document design/layout.

The majority of the regulated community already has well-established procedures for shipments of RCRA hazardous waste, DOT hazardous materials, and non-regulated waste materials that are compliant with relevant shipping requirements. High volume shippers in particular often rely on service providers such as Heritage to prepare and print the majority of their paperwork. Significant investments in IT systems, printer hardware, and software programming have been made to accommodate existing shipping requirements. To Heritage's knowledge, very few states have unique, prescribed form layouts for state-regulated wastes.

Part of the administrative record for this rule change indicated an Agency preference to introduce minimal changes for a new shipping document as compared to the current requirement to use a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest (UHWM). While this is a commendable goal, it is not particularly realistic. The introduction of any new required form will force unnecessary expenses for any regulated stakeholder that currently has any type of automated printing process. Seemingly minor issues such as whether a form is sheet or pin fed to a printer, form thickness, print margin settings, and whether or not single forms are sent to dedicated printers all impact printing logistics, hardware requirements, personnel training, and other financial and resource considerations.

Regarding the form design itself, any new form, even though similar, will still be materially different from a UWHM from a layout perspective, particularly for page 1 of the document. There is no need for manifest sections to accommodate hazard codes (UHWM Item 13), waste minimization text (Item 15), international shipments (Item 16), discrepancies (Items 18a-c), or management codes (Item 19). Following the removal of these items, more space will be available for both additional shipping lines and additional text within a single shipping line.

Finally, Heritage, and likely many other stakeholders, has already developed a UHWM-like form to accommodate shipments of non-hazardous and DOT hazardous materials. Heritage's form is included at the end of this document. Heritage's form is designed primarily to comply with DOT requirements for shipments of DOT hazardous materials. Incidentally, DOT itself does not have a prescribed form to complete shipments, and instead has requirements for the content required to be contained on a shipping document.

In conclusion, Heritage requests additional flexibility as described above to accommodate a smooth transition away from a UWHM shipping paper to manage Illinois Special Wastes.

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