

## **Board Proposes “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Hazardous Waste Regulations**

On March 7, 2024, for public comment, the Board proposed amendments to keep Illinois’ hazardous waste regulations “identical in substance” to the federal regulations. The proposal reflects action taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the second half of calendar years 2020 and 2021, as well as the first half of calendar year 2023. During these timeframes, USEPA updated its regulations for identifying ignitable hazardous waste, modernized test methods that currently require the use of mercury thermometers, harmonized its regulations on hazardous waste import-export recovery and disposal operations with new Canadian disposal code numbers and descriptions, and revised Method 23.

Publication of the Board’s proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will start a period of at least 45 days during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. In June of this year, the Board expects to adopt final amendments.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020), RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021), Corrections to RCRA Subtitle C and UIC Permit Rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 702 through 705), and RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023), dockets R21-13, R22-13, R22-19, and R24-4. Here are links to (1) the Board’s [opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments; and (2) the Board’s [addendum](#), which provides tables of information concerning the rulemaking. For more information, please contact Chloe Salk at 312-814-3932 or [chloe.salk@illinois.gov](mailto:chloe.salk@illinois.gov).