Board Adopts "Identical-in-Substance" Amendments to Hazardous Waste Regulations

On November 7, 2024, the Board adopted amendments to keep Illinois' hazardous waste regulations "identical in substance" to the federal regulations. The amendments reflect actions taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the second half of calendar year 2023. During this timeframe, USEPA made technical revisions to correct or clarify provisions in the Generator Improvements, Pharmaceuticals, and Definition of Solid Waste rules under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). USEPA also made other minor corrections, clarifications, and updates to its hazardous waste regulations.

The Board's rulemaking is captioned RCRA Subtitle C Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023), docket R24-12. In all, the Board adopted amendments to six Parts of Title 35: Parts 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, and 726 (35 Ill. Adm. Code 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, 726). Here are links to the Board's (1) opinion and order; and (2) addendum, which includes the text of the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Joan Hosty Beacom at 312-814-6924 or joan.beacom2@illinois.gov.