

Board Amends Universal Waste Rules to Add Paint and Paint-Related Waste

On August 21, 2025, the Board adopted final rules prescribing procedures and standards for managing hazardous waste “paint and paint-related waste” (PPRW) as universal waste. In all, the Board amended seven Parts of its rules: Parts 703, 720, 721, 724, 725, 728, and 733 (35 Ill. Adm. Code 703, 720, 721, 724, 725, 728, 733).

This rulemaking was initiated on March 3, 2025, when the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed a proposal with the Board as required by Public Act 103-887, which took effect on January 1, 2025. The legislation designated hazardous waste PPRW as a category of universal waste subject to the Board’s streamlined hazardous waste rules of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 733. In addition, Public Act 103-887 required that the Board adopt final rules within 180 days after receiving IEPA’s proposal. The Board proceeded to first notice on March 20, 2025, and held public hearings on April 16 and May 20, 2025. Along with IEPA, rulemaking participants included the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, the American Coatings Association, and the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County. The Board proposed second-notice amendments on July 10, 2025, for review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR).

At its August 13, 2025 meeting, JCAR issued a Certification of No Objection to the Board’s proposed amendments, subject to a handful of non-substantive changes with which the Board agreed. In turn, the Board adopted the final amendments by Public Act 103-887’s 180-day deadline. The amendments take effect upon their filing with the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office.

This rulemaking is captioned Standards for Universal Waste Management (35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 703, 720, 721, 724, 725, 728, and 733), docket R25-22. Here is a link to the Board’s final [opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Chloe Salk at 312-814-3932 or chloe.salk@illinois.gov.