

## **Board Proposes First-Notice Amendments to Potentially Infectious Medical Waste Rules**

On May 7, 2026, the Board proposed amendments to its “potentially infectious medical waste” (PIMW) rules for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. BioSAFE Engineering initiated this rulemaking by filing a proposal to add an indicator microorganism, *Bacillus Atrophaeus*, to the Part 1422 PIMW rules for validation testing low-pressure treatment systems. Along with adding *Bacillus Atrophaeus*, the Board proposed clarifying amendments to Part 1422.

The Board proceeded to first notice after holding two public hearings at which BioSAFE Engineering and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency participated. When the first-notice proposal is published in the *Illinois Register*, a period of at least 45 days will begin during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board concerning the proposal.

This rulemaking is captioned Potentially Infectious Medical Waste (PIMW): Proposed Amendment of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1422 Appendix A, Table B – Indicator Microorganisms, docket R25-24. Here is a link to the Board’s [first-notice opinion and order](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Carlie Leoni at 312-814-3886 or [carlie.leoni@illinois.gov](mailto:carlie.leoni@illinois.gov).