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Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 W. Randolph St., Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

PC#116

RE: Proposed Amendments to Leaking Underground
Storage Tank Regulations: #R04-22/23

Dear Clerk:

I am writing regarding the above proposed regulations and the recent Opinion and Order that has been passed by the Illinois Pollution Control Board. It is my opinion that the rule as currently proposed may greatly impact the viability of not only the consultant/contractor that I am employed by but also the environmental consulting/contracting industry and more specifically the Owners/Operators of Leaking Underground Storage tanks whom are our clients.

As a concerned citizen of Illinois and an interested party in this rulemaking, I am respectfully requesting that additional hearings be held in this matter and that the Illinois Pollution Control Board more closely investigate and objectively hear all the relevant fact of all interested parties.

It is my understanding that all previous hearings on this regulation have been held in northern and central Illinois. I would like to request that at least one additional hearing be held in southern Illinois so that all citizens of the state of Illinois may participate in the due process and have their voices heard. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration to this very important issue.

Sincerely,


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