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Marie M. Tipsord  
Hearing Officer  
Illinois Pollution Control Board  
100 West Randolph, Suite 11-500  
Chicago, IL 60601

PC#42

RE: Proposed Revisions to Leaking Underground Tank Regulations R04-22 and R04-23

I am writing to express my concerns in regard to revisions proposed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to regulations governing leaking underground storage tanks (USTs).

As I am sure you are aware, UST Owners and Operators are required by Illinois leaking underground storage tank (LUST) regulations to satisfy a financial responsibility adequate to cover all costs of environmental clean-up incurred in response to a leaking UST. Like most Illinois UST Owners and operators, I rely on the Illinois LUST Fund to satisfy this financial responsibility for costs exceeding my deductible. I consider the deductible itself to be a considerable sum of money. If there is even slightest potential that the revisions proposed by the IEPA will increase the amount of non-recoverable costs from beyond my deductible, I am not supportive of these revisions. Illinois UST Owners and Operators contribute to the LUST Fund for the very specific purpose of satisfying our financial responsibility. I will not support regulations that will ultimately result in increasing the costs I must incur in order to satisfy this financial responsibility.

I must rely on environmental professionals to assist me in effort to comply with LUST regulations. I must also rely upon the Illinois LUST Fund to ensure the cost of professional assistance is recovered in full. Being able to do so is critical to my financial stability. I will not support proposed revisions that could potentially result in my ability to recover only a portion of the costs I incur as a result of seeking professional assistance to comply with LUST regulations. This is simply not a financial risk I am willing to take.

I recognize the need for cost containment, but I fear that the proposed revisions to provide cost containment measures will have a negative financial impact on me and other Illinois UST Owners and operators. I strongly urge the IPCB to demand that any proposed (i.e., cost containment) is achieved without posing unnecessary financial threats to Illinois UST Owners and Operators. In addition, this information must be fully-disclosed and available to the public.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Helma Schleifer*