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Hearing Officer
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PC#45

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

Dear Ms. Tipsord:

I am writing to express my concern in regard to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency [IEPA] to regulations governing leaking underground storage tanks [USTS]. I'm a UST owner that's 15 years into saving the money to pay for leaking tanks. When I bought my business the gas tanks were used less than 2 years. In 1990 I found out that I would have to remove the tanks. Because I am still paying for the business, and if the proposed revisions R04-22 and R04-23 are passed, I will not be able to stay in business. This situation with the tanks now, has cost me more than I ever thought possible. I know, after speaking to other small business owners like myself, that a tremendous amount of Illinois jobs and income will be lost all over the state. That is why I feel I must strongly urge the board to ultimately demand that any proposed revision, be thoroughly supported by the most scientific data available to insure that cost containment is achieved, [which I do understand the need for]. This must not pose financial repercussions to Illinois UST Owners and Operators. I would like this very important information to be fully disclosed and to be available to the general public. I've tried to work hard to make my business work, and it's very scary to think we could lose everything, by incurring even more expenses than we could ever afford.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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