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SUBPART B: GENERAL FACILITY STANDARDS

Section 725.115 General Inspection Requirements

a) The owner or operator must inspect the facility for malfunctions and deterioration, operator errors and discharges that may be causing -- or may lead to -- the conditions listed below. The owner or operator must conduct these inspections often enough to identify problems in time to correct them before they harm human health or the environment.

1) Release of hazardous waste constituents to the environment, or

2) A threat to human health.

b) Written schedule.

1) The owner or operator must develop and follow a written schedule for inspecting all monitoring equipment, safety and emergency equipment, security devices, and operating and structural equipment (such as dikes and sump pumps) that are important to preventing, detecting, or responding to environmental or human health hazards.

2) The owner or operator must keep this schedule at the facility.

3) The schedule must identify the types of problems (e.g., malfunctions or deterioration) that are to be looked for during the inspection (e.g., inoperative sump pump, leaking fitting, eroding dike, etc.).

4) The frequency of inspection may vary for the items on the schedule. However, the frequency should be based on the rate of deterioration of the equipment and the probability of an environmental or human health incident if the deterioration, malfunction, or ~~any~~ operator error goes undetected between inspections. Areas subject to spills, such as loading and unloading areas, must be inspected daily when in use, except for the owner or operator of a Performance Track member facility, which must inspect at least once each month after approval by the Agency, as described in subsection (b)(5) of this Section. At a minimum, the inspection schedule must include the items and frequencies called for in Sections 725.274, 725.293, 725.295, 725.326, 725.360, 725.378, 725.404, 725.447, 725.477, 725.503, 725.933, 725.952, 725.953, 725.958, and 725.984 through 725.990, where applicable.

5) The owner or operator of a Performance Track member facility that chooses to reduce its inspection frequency must fulfill the following requirements:

A) It must submit an application to the Agency. The application must identify its facility as a member of the National Environmental Performance Track Program, and it must identify the management units for reduced inspections

and the proposed frequency of inspections. Inspections pursuant to this subsection (b)(5) must be conducted at least once each month.

B) Within 60 days, the Agency must notify the owner or operator of the Performance Track member facility, in writing, if the application submitted pursuant to subsection (b)(5)(A) of this Section is approved, denied, or if an extension to the 60-day deadline is needed. This notice must be placed in the facility's operating record. The owner or operator of the Performance Track member facility should consider the application approved if the Agency does not either deny the application or notify the owner or operator of the Performance Track member facility of an extension to the 60-day deadline. In these situations, the owner or operator of the Performance Track member facility must adhere to the revised inspection schedule outlined in its application and maintain a copy of the application in the facility's operating record.

C) Any owner or operator of a Performance Track member facility that discontinues its membership or which USEPA terminates from the program must immediately notify the Agency of its change in status. The facility owner or operator must place in its operating record a dated copy of this notification and revert back to the non-Performance Track inspection frequencies within seven calendar days.

c) The owner or operator must remedy any deterioration or malfunction of equipment or structure that the inspection reveals on a schedule that ensures that the problem does not lead to an environmental or human health hazard. Where a hazard is imminent or has already occurred, remedial action must be taken immediately.

d) The owner or operator must record inspections in an inspection log or summary. The owner or operator must keep these records for at least three years from the date of inspection. At a minimum, these records must include the date and time of the inspection, the name of the inspector, a notation of the observations made and the date, and nature of any repairs or other remedial actions.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.116 Personnel Training

a) Personnel training program.

1) Facility personnel must successfully complete a program of classroom instruction or on-the-job training that teaches them to perform their duties in a way that ensures the facility's compliance with the requirements of this part. The owner or operator must ensure that this program includes all the elements described in the document required under subsection (d)(3) of this Section.

2) This program must be directed by a person trained in hazardous waste management procedures, and must include instruction that teaches facility personnel hazardous waste management procedures (including contingency plan implementation) relevant to the positions in which they are employed.

3) At a minimum, the training program must be designed to ensure that facility personnel are able to respond effectively to emergencies by familiarizing them with emergency procedures, emergency equipment and emergency systems, including the following where applicable:

A) Procedures for using, inspecting, repairing and replacing facility emergency and monitoring equipment;

B) Key parameters for automatic waste feed cut-off systems;

C) Communications or alarm systems;

D) Response to fires or explosions;

E) Response to groundwater contamination incidents; and

F) Shutdown of operations.

4) For facility employees that receive emergency response training pursuant to the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations at 29 CFR 1910.120(p)(8) and 1910.120(q), the facility is not required to provide separate emergency response training pursuant to this section, provided that the overall facility OSHA emergency response training meets all the requirements of this Section.

b) Facility personnel must successfully complete the program required in subsection (a) of this Section upon the effective date of these regulations or six months after the date of their employment or assignment to a facility or to a new position at a facility, whichever is later. Employees hired after the effective date of these regulations must not work in unsupervised positions until they have completed the training requirements of subsection (a) of this Section.

c) Facility personnel must take part in an annual review of the initial training required in subsection (a) of this Section.

d) The owner or operator must maintain the following documents and records at the facility:

1) The job title for each position at the facility related to hazardous waste management and the name of the employee filling each job;

2) A written job description for each position listed under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. This description may be consistent in its degree of specificity with descriptions for other similar positions in the same company location or bargaining unit, but must include the requisite skill, education, or other qualifications and duties of facility personnel assigned to each position;

3) A written description of the type and amount of both introductory and continuing training that will be given to each person filling a position listed under subsection (d)(1) of this Section;

4) Records that document that the training or job experience required under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this Section has been given to and completed by facility personnel.

e) Training records on current personnel must be kept until closure of the facility. Training records on former employees must be kept for at least three years from the date the employee last worked at the facility. Personnel training records may accompany personnel transferred within the same company.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.119 Construction Quality Assurance Program

a) CQA program.

1) A construction quality assurance (CQA) program is required for all surface impoundment, waste pile and landfill units that are required to comply with Sections 725.321(a), 725.354, and 725.401(a). The program must ensure that the constructed unit meets or exceeds all design criteria and specifications in this Part. The program must be developed and implemented under the direction of a CQA officer that is a registered professional engineer.

2) The CQA program must address the following physical components, where applicable:

A) Foundations;

B) Dikes;

C) Low-permeability soil liners;

D) Geomembranes (flexible membrane liners);

E) Leachate collection and removal systems and leak detection systems; and

F) Final cover systems.

b) Written CQA plan. Before construction begins on a unit subject to the CQA program under subsection (a) of this Section, the owner or operator must develop a written CQA plan. The plan must identify steps that will be used to monitor and document the quality of materials and the condition and manner of their installation. The CQA plan must include the following:

1) Identification of applicable units and a description of how they will be constructed.

2) Identification of key personnel in the development and implementation of the CQA plan, and CQA officer qualifications.

3) A description of inspection and sampling activities for all unit components identified in subsection (a)(2) of this Section, including observations and tests that will be used before, during and after construction to ensure that the construction materials and the installed unit components meet the design specifications. The description must cover: Sampling size and locations; frequency of testing; data evaluation procedures; acceptance and rejection criteria for construction materials; plans for implementing corrective measures; and data or other information to be recorded and retained in the operating record under Section 725.173.

c) Contents of program.

1) The CQA program must include observations, inspections, tests and measurements sufficient to ensure the following:

A) Structural stability and integrity of all components of the unit identified in subsection (a)(2) of this Section;

B) Proper construction of all components of the liners, leachate collection and removal system, leak detection system, and final cover system, according to permit specifications and good engineering practices, and proper installation of all components (e.g., pipes) according to design specifications;

C) Conformity of all materials used with design and other material specifications under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.321, 724.351, and 724.401.

2) The CQA program must include test fills for compacted soil liners, using the same compaction methods as in the full-scale unit, to ensure that the liners are constructed to meet the hydraulic conductivity requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.321(c)(1), 724.351(c)(1), or 724.401(c)(1) in the field. Compliance with the hydraulic conductivity requirements must be verified by using in-situ testing on the constructed test fill. The test fill requirement is waived where data are sufficient to show that a constructed soil liner meets the hydraulic conductivity requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.321(c)(1), 724.354(c)(1), ~~724.354(c)(1),~~ or 724.401(c)(1) in the field.

d) Certification. The owner or operator of units subject to this Section must submit to the Agency by certified mail or hand delivery, at least 30 days prior to receiving waste, a certification signed by the CQA officer that the CQA plan has been successfully carried out and that the unit meets the requirements of Sections 725.321(a), 725.354, or 725.401(a). The owner or operator may receive waste in the unit after 30 days from the Agency's receipt of the CQA certification unless the Agency determines in writing that the construction is not acceptable, or extends the review period for a maximum of 30 more days, or seeks additional information from the owner or operator during this period. Documentation supporting the CQA officer's certification must be furnished to the Agency upon request.

e) Final Agency determinations pursuant to this Section are deemed to be permit denials for purposes of appeal to the Board pursuant to Section 40 of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/40].

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____).

SUBPART D: CONTINGENCY PLAN AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Section 725.152 Content of Contingency Plan

a) The contingency plan must describe the actions facility personnel must take to comply with Sections 725.151 and 725.156 in response to fires, explosions, or any unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents to air, soil, or surface water at the facility.

b) If the owner or operator has already prepared a federal Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan in accordance with 40 CFR Part 112 or 300, or some other emergency or contingency plan, it needs only amend that plan to incorporate hazardous waste management provisions that are sufficient to comply with the requirements of this Part. The owner or operator may develop one contingency plan that meets all regulatory requirements. USEPA has recommended that the plan be based on the National Response Team's Integrated Contingency Plan Guidance (One Plan). When modifications are made to non-RCRA provisions in an integrated contingency plan, the changes do not trigger the need for a RCRA permit modification.

BOARD NOTE: The federal One Plan guidance appeared in the Federal Register at 61 Fed. Reg. 28642 (June 5, 1996), and was corrected at 61 Fed. Reg. 31103 (June 19, 1996). USEPA, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office, has made these documents available on-line for examination and download at yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/Ceppoweb.nsf/content/serc-lepc-publications.htm.

c) The plan must describe arrangements agreed to by local police department, fire departments, hospitals, contractors, and State and local emergency response teams to coordinate emergency services, pursuant to Section 725.137.

d) The plan must list names, addresses, and phone numbers (office and home) of all persons qualified to act as emergency coordinator (see Section 725.155), and this list must be kept up to date. Where more than one person is listed one must be named as primary emergency coordinator and others must be listed in the order in which they will assume responsibility as alternates.

e) The plan must include a list of all emergency equipment at the facility (such as fire extinguishing systems, spill control equipment, communications and alarm systems (internal and external), and decontamination equipment) where this equipment is required. This list must be kept up to date. In addition, the plan must include the location and a physical description of each item on the list and a brief outline of its capabilities.

f) The plan must include an evacuation plan for facility personnel where there is a possibility that evacuation could be necessary. This plan must describe signals to be used to begin evacuation, evacuation routes, and alternate evacuation routes (in cases where the primary routes could be blocked by releases of hazardous waste or fires).

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.156 Emergency Procedures

a) Whenever there is an imminent or actual emergency situation, the emergency coordinator (or his designee when the emergency coordinator is on call) must immediately do the following:

1) He or she must activate internal facility alarms or communication systems, where applicable, to notify all facility personnel; and

2) He or she must notify appropriate State or local agencies with designated response roles if their help is needed.

b) Whenever there is a release, fire, or explosion, the emergency coordinator must immediately identify the character, exact source, amount, and ~~a real~~ areal extent of any released materials. He or she may do this by observation or review of facility records or manifests and, if necessary, by chemical analysis.

c) Concurrently, the emergency coordinator must assess possible hazards to human health or the environment that may result from the release, fire, or explosion. This assessment must consider both direct and indirect effects of the release, fire, or explosion (e.g., the effects of any toxic, irritating, or asphyxiating gases that are generated, or the effects of any hazardous surface water runoffs from water or chemical agents used to control fire and heat-induced explosions).

d) If the emergency coordinator determines that the facility has had a release, fire, or explosion that could threaten human health or the environment outside the facility, he or she must report his findings as follows:

1) If his assessment indicates that evacuation of local areas may be advisable, the emergency coordinator must immediately notify appropriate local authorities. He or she must be available to help appropriate officials decide whether local areas should be evacuated; and

2) The emergency coordinator must immediately notify either the government official designated as the on-scene coordinator for that geographical area (in the applicable regional contingency plan under federal 40 CFR 300), or the National Response Center (using their 24-hour toll free number 800-424-8802). The report must include the following:

A) The name and telephone number of reporter;

B) The name and address of facility;

C) The time and type of incident (e.g., release, fire, etc.);

D) The name and quantity of materials involved, to the extent known;

E) The extent of injuries, if any; and

F) The possible hazards to human health or the environment outside the facility.

e) During an emergency the emergency coordinator must take all reasonable measures necessary to ensure that fires, explosions, and releases do not occur, recur, or spread to other hazardous waste at the facility. These measures must include, where applicable, stopping processes and operations, collecting and containing released waste, and removing or isolating containers.

f) If the facility stops operations in response to a fire, explosion or release, the emergency coordinator must monitor for leaks, pressure buildup, gas generation, or ruptures in valves, pipes, or other equipment, wherever this is appropriate.

g) Immediately after an emergency, the emergency coordinator must provide for treating, storing, or disposing of recovered waste, contaminated soil, or surface water, or any other material that results from a release, fire, or explosion at the facility.

BOARD NOTE: Unless the owner or operator can demonstrate in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721.103(d) or (e) that the recovered material is not a hazardous waste, the owner or operator becomes a generator of hazardous waste and must manage it in accordance with all applicable requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722, 723, and 725.

h) The emergency coordinator must ensure that, in the affected areas of the facility, the following occur:

1) No waste that may be incompatible with the released material is treated, stored, or disposed of until cleanup procedures are completed; and

2) All emergency equipment listed in the contingency plan is cleaned and fit for its intended use before operations are resumed.

~~i) The owner or operator must notify the Agency and other appropriate State~~ ~~l l authorities that the facility is i liance with s'bs stion (h) of this Section before operations are resumed in the affected areas of the facility.~~

~~j~~ i) The owner or operator must note in the operating record the time, date, and details of any incident that requires implementing the contingency plan. Within 15 days after the incident, it must submit a written report on the incident to the Agency. The report must include the following information:

1) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner or operator;

2) The name, address, and telephone number of the facility;

3) The date, time, and type of incident (e.g., fire, explosion, etc.);

4) The name and quantity of materials involved;

5) The extent of injuries, if any;

6) An assessment of actual or potential hazards to human health or the environment, where this is applicable; and

7) The estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

SUBPART B: MANIFEST SYSTEM, RECORDKEEPING, AND REPORTING

Section 725.171 Use of Manifest System

a) Receipt of manifested hazardous waste.

1) ~~The following requirements apply until Sept. 5, 2006: If a facility receives hazardous waste accompanied by a manifest, the owner or operator or its t must ` each of the following:~~

~~A) It must sign and date each copy of the manifest to certify that the hazardous waste covered by the manifest was received;~~

~~B) It must note any significant discr cies in th ifest, as defi ` in Section 725.172(a), on each c f th ifest;~~

~~BOARD NOTE: An owner or operator of a facility whose procedures under Section 725.113(c) include waste analysis need not perform that analysis before signing the manifest and giving it to the transporter. Section 725.172(b), however, requires the owner or operator to report any unreconciled discrepancy discovered during later analysis.~~

~~C) It must immediately give the transporter at least one copy of the signed manifest;~~

~~D) It must send a copy of the manifest to the generator and the Agency within 3 e of the date of delivery;~~

~~E) It must retain at the facility a c f each manifest for at least three years after the date of delivery.~~

~~2) The following r iremente ' effective Sept. 5, 2 1)~~ If a facility receives hazardous waste accompanied by a manifest, the owner, operator, or its agent must sign and date the manifest, as indicated in subsection (a)(2)(B) of this Section, to certify that the hazardous waste covered by the manifest was received, that the hazardous waste was received except as noted in the discrepancy space of the manifest, or that the hazardous waste was rejected as noted in the manifest discrepancy space.

~~B~~2) If a facility receives a hazardous waste shipment accompanied by a manifest, the owner, operator, or its agent must do the following:

~~i~~A) It must sign and date, by hand, each copy of the manifest;

~~ii~~B) It must note any discrepancies (as defined in Section 725.172(b)) on each copy of the manifest;

~~iii~~C) It must immediately give the transporter at least one copy of the manifest;

~~iv~~D) It must send a copy of the manifest to the generator within 30 days after delivery; and

~~v~~E) It must retain at the facility a copy of each manifest for at least three years after the date of delivery.

~~C~~3) If a facility receives hazardous waste imported from a foreign source, the receiving facility must mail a copy of the manifest to the following address within 30 days after delivery: International Compliance Assurance Division, OFA/OECA (2254A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

~~B NOTE: ' etion (a)(1) of this Section corresponds with 40 CFR 265.71(a) (2004), effective until Sept. 5, 2006. Subsection (a)(2) of this Section corresponds with 40 CFR 265.71(a) (2005), effective Sept. 5, 2006.~~

b) If a facility receives from a rail or water (bulk shipment) transporter hazardous waste that is accompanied by a shipping paper containing all the information required on the manifest (excluding the USEPA identification numbers, generator certification, and signatures), the owner or operator or its agent must do each of the following:

1) It must sign and date each copy of the manifest or shipping paper (if the manifest has not been received) to certify that the hazardous waste covered by the manifest or shipping paper was received;

2) It must note any significant discrepancies, as defined in Section 725.172(a), in the manifest or shipping paper (if the manifest has not been received) on each copy of the manifest or shipping paper;

BOARD NOTE: The owner or operator of a facility whose procedures under Section 725.113(c) include waste analysis need not perform that analysis before signing the shipping paper and giving it to the transporter. Section 725.172(b), however, requires reporting an unreconciled discrepancy discovered during later analysis.

3) It must immediately give the rail or water (bulk shipment) transporter at least one copy of the manifest or shipping paper (if the manifest has not been received);

4) ~~Forwarding copies of the manifest.~~

~~A) Until Sept. 5, 2006: The facility owner or operator must send a copy of the si ' nd dat ' ifest to the generator ' to th _ ' within 3 's after the delivery; however, if the manifest has not been received within 30 days after delivery, the owner or operator, or its agent, must send a copy of the shipping paper signed and dated to the generator; orB4) Effective Sept. 5, 2006: The~~ The owner or operator must send a copy of the signed and dated manifest or a signed and dated copy of the shipping paper (if the manifest has not been received within 30 days after delivery) to the generator within 30 days after the delivery; and

BOARD NOTE: 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.123(c) requires the generator to send three copies of the manifest to the facility when hazardous waste is sent by rail or water (bulk shipment). ~~Subsection (b)(4)(A) is derived from 40 CFR 265.74(b)(4) (2004), effective until Sept. 5, 2006. Subsection (b)(4)(B) is derived from 40 CFR 265.74(b)(4) (2005), effective Sept. 5, 2006.~~

5) Retain at the facility a copy of the manifest and shipping paper (if signed in lieu of the manifest at the time of delivery) for at least three years from the date of delivery.

c) Whenever a shipment of hazardous waste is initiated from a facility, the owner or operator of that facility must comply with the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.

BOARD NOTE: The provisions of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134 are applicable to the on-site accumulation of hazardous wastes by generators. Therefore, the provisions of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134 apply only to owners or operators that are shipping hazardous waste which they generated at that facility.

d) Within three working days of the receipt of a shipment subject to Subpart H of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722, the owner or operator of the facility must provide a copy of the tracking document bearing all required signatures to the notifier; to the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Compliance, Enforcement Planning, Targeting and Data Division (2222A), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460; to the Bureau of Land, Division of Land Pollution Control, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276; and to competent authorities of all other concerned countries. The original copy of the tracking document must be maintained at the facility for at least three years from the date of signature.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.172 Manifest Discrepancies

a) ~~The following requirements apply until Sept. 5, 2005:~~"Manifest discrepancies" are defined as any one of the following:

~~1) Manifest discrepancies are differences between the quantity or type of hazardous waste designated on the manifest or shipping paper and the quantity or type of hazardous waste a facility actually receives.~~

~~2) Significant discrepancies in quantity are defined as follows:~~

~~A) For bulk waste, variations greater than 10 percent in weight;~~

~~B) For batch waste, any variation in piece count, such as a discrepancy of one drum in a truckload.~~

~~3) Significant discrepancies in type are obvious differences that can be discovered by inspection or waste analysis, such as waste solvent substituted for waste acid or toxic constituents not reported on the manifest or shipping paper.~~

~~4) Upon discovering a significant discrepancy, the owner or operator must attempt to reconcile the discrepancy with the waste generator or transporter (e.g., with telephone conversations). If the discrepancy is not resolved within 15 days after receiving the waste, the owner or operator must immediately submit to t[illegible] ncy a letter describing the discr[illegible] and att[illegible]ts to reconcile it and a copy of the manifest or shipping paper at issue.~~

~~b) The following requirements apply effective Sept. 5, 2005:~~

~~1a) "M[illegible] ifest discr[illegible] s" are defi[illegible] s any one of the following:~~

~~A~~1) Significant differences (as defined by subsection (b)~~(2)~~ of this Section) between the quantity or type of hazardous waste designated on the manifest or shipping paper, and the quantity and type of hazardous waste a facility actually receives;

~~B~~2) Rejected wastes, which may be a full or partial shipment of hazardous waste that the treatment, storage, or disposal facility cannot accept; or

~~C~~3) Container residues, which are residues that exceed the quantity limits for empty containers set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721.107(b).

~~2~~b) "Significant differences in quantity" are defined as the appropriate of the following: for bulk waste, variations greater than 10 percent in weight; or, for batch waste, any variation in piece count, such as a discrepancy of one drum in a truckload. "Significant differences in type" are defined as obvious differences that can be discovered by inspection or waste analysis, such as waste solvent substituted for waste acid, or as toxic constituents not reported on the manifest or shipping paper.

~~3~~c) Upon discovering a significant difference in quantity or type, the owner or operator must attempt to reconcile the discrepancy with the waste generator or transporter (e.g., with telephone conversations). If the discrepancy is not resolved within 15 days after receiving the waste, the owner or operator must immediately submit to the Agency a letter describing the discrepancy and attempts to reconcile it, and a copy of the manifest or shipping paper at issue.

4d) Rejection of hazardous waste.

A1) Upon rejecting waste or identifying a container residue that exceeds the quantity limits for empty containers set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721.107(b), the facility must consult with the generator prior to forwarding the waste to another facility that can manage the waste. If it is impossible to locate an alternative facility that can receive the waste, the facility may return the rejected waste or residue to the generator. The facility must send the waste to the alternative facility or to the generator within 60 days after the rejection or the container residue identification.

B2) While the facility is making arrangements for forwarding rejected wastes or residues to another facility under this Section, it must ensure that either the delivering transporter retains custody of the waste, or the facility must provide for secure, temporary custody of the waste, pending delivery of the waste to the first transporter designated on the manifest prepared under subsection ~~(b)(5)~~ (e) or ~~(b)(6)~~ (f) of this Section.

5e) Except as provided in subsection ~~(b)(5)(G)~~ (e)(7) of this Section, for full or partial load rejections and residues that are to be sent off-site to an alternate facility, the facility is required to prepare a new manifest in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.120(a) and the ~~following~~ instructions set forth in subsections (e)(1) through (e)(6) of this Section:

A1) Write the generator's USEPA identification number in Item 1 of the new manifest. Write the generator's name and mailing address in Item 5 of the new manifest. If the mailing address is different from the generator's site address, then write the generator's site address in the designated space in Item 5.

B2) Write the name of the alternate designated facility and the facility's USEPA identification number in the designated facility block (Item 8) of the new manifest.

C3) Copy the manifest tracking number found in Item 4 of the old manifest to the Special Handling and Additional Information Block of the new manifest, and indicate that the shipment is a residue or rejected waste from the previous shipment.

D4) Copy the manifest tracking number found in Item 4 of the new manifest to the manifest reference number line in the Discrepancy Block of the old manifest (Item 18a).

E5) Write the USDOT description for the rejected load or the residue in Item 9 (USDOT Description) of the new manifest and write the container types, quantity, and volumes of waste.

F6) Sign the Generator's/Offeror's Certification to certify, as the offeror of the shipment, that the waste has been properly packaged, marked and labeled and is in proper condition for transportation.

G7) For full load rejections that are made while the transporter remains present at the facility, the facility may forward the rejected shipment to the alternate facility by completing Item 18b of the original manifest and supplying the information on the next destination facility in the Alternate Facility space. The facility must retain a copy of this manifest for its records, and then give the remaining copies of the manifest to the transporter to accompany

the shipment. If the original manifest is not used, then the facility must use a new manifest and comply with subsections ~~(b)(5)(A)~~ (e)(1) through ~~(b)(5)(F)~~ (e)(6) of this Section.

~~5~~f) Except as provided in subsection ~~(b)(5)(G)~~ (f)(7) of this Section, for rejected wastes and residues that must be sent back to the generator, the facility is required to prepare a new manifest in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.120(a) and the ~~following~~ instructions set forth in subsections (f)(1) through (f)(6) of this Section:

~~A~~1) Write the facility's USEPA identification number in Item 1 of the new manifest. Write the generator's name and mailing address in Item 5 of the new manifest. If the mailing address is different from the generator's site address, then write the generator's site address in the designated space for Item 5.

~~B~~2) Write the name of the initial generator and the generator's USEPA identification number in the designated facility block (Item 8) of the new manifest.

~~C~~3) Copy the manifest tracking number found in Item 4 of the old manifest to the Special Handling and Additional Information Block of the new manifest, and indicate that the shipment is a residue or rejected waste from the previous shipment.

~~D~~4) Copy the manifest tracking number found in Item 4 of the new manifest to the manifest reference number line in the Discrepancy Block of the old manifest (Item 18a).

~~E~~5) Write the USDOT description for the rejected load or the residue in Item 9 (USDOT Description) of the new manifest and write the container types, quantity, and volumes of waste.

~~F~~6) Sign the Generator's/Offeror's Certification to certify, as offeror of the shipment, that the waste has been properly packaged, marked and labeled and is in proper condition for transportation.

~~G~~7) For full load rejections that are made while the transporter remains at the facility, the facility may return the shipment to the generator with the original manifest by completing Item 18b of the manifest and supplying the generator's information in the Alternate Facility space. The facility must retain a copy for its records and then give the remaining copies of the manifest to the transporter to accompany the shipment. If the original manifest is not used, then the facility must use a new manifest and comply with subsections ~~(b)(5)(A)~~ (f)(1) through ~~(b)(6)(F)~~ (f)(6) of this Section.

~~7~~g) If a facility rejects a waste or identifies a container residue that exceeds the quantity limits for empty containers set forth in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721.107(b) after it has signed, dated, and returned a copy of the manifest to the delivering transporter or to the generator, the facility must amend its copy of the manifest to indicate the rejected wastes or residues in the discrepancy space of the amended manifest. The facility must also copy the manifest tracking number from Item 4 of the new manifest to the Discrepancy space of the amended manifest, and must re-sign and date the manifest to certify to the information as amended. The facility must retain the amended manifest for at least three years from the date of amendment, and must, within 30 days, send a copy of the amended manifest to the transporter and generator that received copies prior to their being amended.

~~BOARD NOTE: Subsection (a) is derived from 40 CFR 265.72 (2004), effective until [illegible] Subsection (b) is derived from 40 CFR 265.72 (2[illegible]), effective Sept. 5, 2006.~~

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.173 Operating Record

a) The owner or operator must keep a written operating record at the facility.

b) The following information must be recorded as it becomes available and maintained in the operating record ~~until closure of the facility~~ for three years unless otherwise provided as follows:

1) A description and the quantity of each hazardous waste received and the ~~method or~~ methods and ~~date or~~ dates of its treatment, storage, or disposal at the facility, as required by Appendix A to this Part. This information must be maintained in the operating record until closure of the facility;

2) The location of each hazardous waste within the facility and the quantity at each location. For disposal facilities the location and quantity of each hazardous waste must be recorded on a map or diagram ~~of~~ that shows each cell or disposal area. For all facilities this information must include cross-references to ~~specific~~ manifest document numbers if the waste was accompanied by a manifest. This information must be maintained in the operating record until closure of the facility;

BOARD NOTE: See Sections 725.219, 725.379, and 725.409 for related requirements.

3) Records and results of waste analysis, waste determinations, and trial tests performed, as specified in Sections 725.113, 725.300, 725.325, 725.352, 725.373, 725.414, 725.441, 725.475, 725.502, 725.934, 725.963, and 725.984 and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.104(a) and 728.107;

4) Summary reports and details of all incidents that require implementing the contingency plan, as specified in Section 725.156(j);

5) Records and results of inspections~~,~~ as required by Section 725.115(d) (except these data need be kept only three years);

6) Monitoring, testing, or analytical data, where required by Subpart F of this Part or Sections 725.119, ~~725.190,~~ 725.194, 725.291, 725.293, 725.295, ~~725.322, 725.323,~~ 725.324, 725.326, 725.355, ~~725.359,~~ 725.360, 725.376, 725.378, 725.380(d)(1), ~~725.402 through~~ 725.402, 725.404, 725.447, 725.477, 725.934(c) through (f), 725.935, 725.963(d) through (i), 725.964, and 725.1083 through 725.990. Maintain in the operating record for three years, except for records and results pertaining to ~~ground-water~~groundwater monitoring and cleanup, and response action plans for surface impoundments, waste piles, and landfills, which must be maintained in the operating record until closure of the facility;

BOARD NOTE: As required by Section 725.194, monitoring data at disposal facilities must be kept throughout the post-closure period.

7) All closure cost estimates under Section 725.242 and, for disposal facilities, all post-closure cost estimates under Section 725.244 must be maintained in the operating record until closure of the facility;

8) Records of the quantities (and date of placement) for each shipment of hazardous waste placed in land disposal units under an extension of the effective date of any land disposal restriction granted pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.105, a petition pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.106, or a certification under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.108 and the applicable notice required of a generator under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107(a). All of this information must be maintained in the operating record until closure of the facility;

9) For an off-site treatment facility, a copy of the notice and the certification and demonstration, if applicable, required of the generator or the owner or operator under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107 or 728.108;

10) For an on-site treatment facility, the information contained in the notice (except the manifest number) and the certification and demonstration, if applicable, required of the generator or the owner or operator under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107 or 728.108;

11) For an off-site land disposal facility, a copy of the notice and the certification and demonstration, if applicable, required of the generator or the owner or operator of a treatment facility under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107 or 728.108;

12) For an on-site land disposal facility, the information contained in the notice required of the generator or owner or operator of a treatment facility under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107, except for the manifest number, and the certification and demonstration, if applicable, required under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107 or 728.108;

13) For an off-site storage facility, a copy of the notice and the certification and demonstration, if applicable, required of the generator or the owner or operator under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107 or 728.108; ~~and~~

14) For an on-site storage facility, the information contained in the notice (except the manifest number) and the certification and demonstration, if applicable, required of the generator or the owner or operator under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 728.107 or ~~728.108.~~728.108; and

15) Monitoring, testing or analytical data, and corrective action, where required by Sections 725.190 and 725.193(d)(2) and (d)(5), and the certification, as required by Section 725.196(f), must be maintained in the operating record until closure of the facility.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.176 Unmanifested Waste Report

a) ~~The following requirements apply until Sept. 5, 2005: If a facility accepts for treatment, storage, or disposal any hazardous waste from an off-site source without an accompanying manifest or without an accompanying shipping r, as descri' 'in 35 Ill. . C ' 723.12 (e)(2), ', if the waste is not excluded from the manifest requirement by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721.105, then the owner or operator must prepare and submit a single copy of a report to the A, ncy within 15 days after receiving the waste. Th ifested waste r rt~

~~must be submitted on USEPA form 8700-13B. Such report must be designated "Unmanifested Waste Report" and must include the following information:~~

~~1) The USEPA i` tification number, ; ,— ` `` ss of the facility;~~

~~2) The date the facility received the waste;~~

~~3) The USEPA i` tificatio ` r, ; ,— ` `` ss of the generator and the transporter, if available;~~

~~4) A description and the quantity of each unmanifested hazardous waste the facility received;~~

~~5) The method of treatment, st , or disposal for each has ` s waste;~~

~~6) The certification signed by the owner or operator of the facility or its authorized representative; and~~

~~7) ; rief explanation of ` , the waste was unmanifested, if known.ba) The following requirements apply effective Sept. 5, 2005:~~ If a facility accepts for treatment, storage, or disposal any hazardous waste from an off-site source without an accompanying manifest, or without an accompanying shipping paper, as described by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 723.120(e), and if the waste is not excluded from the manifest requirement by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 260 through 265, then the owner or operator must prepare and submit a letter to the Agency within 15 days after receiving the waste. The unmanifested waste report must contain the following information:

1) The USEPA identification number, name, and address of the facility;

2) The date the facility received the waste;

3) The USEPA identification number, name, and address of the generator and the transporter, if available;

4) A description and the quantity of each unmanifested hazardous waste the facility received;

5) The method of treatment, storage, or disposal for each hazardous waste;

6) The certification signed by the owner or operator of the facility or its authorized representative; and

7) A brief explanation of why the waste was unmanifested, if known.

b) This subsection (b) corresponds with 40 CFR 265.76(b), which USEPA has marked "reserved." This statement maintains structural consistency with the corresponding federal regulations.

BOARD NOTE: Small quantities of hazardous waste are excluded from regulation under this Part and do not require a manifest. Where a facility received unmanifested hazardous waste, USEPA has suggested that the owner or operator obtain from each generator a certification that the waste qualifies for exclusion. Otherwise, USEPA has suggested that the owner or operator file an unmanifested waste report for the hazardous waste movement. ~~Subsection (a) is derived from 40 CFR 265.76 (2004), effective until Sept. 5, 2006. Subsection (b) is derived from 40 CFR 265.76 (2005), effective Sept. 5, 2006.~~

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SUBPART F: GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Section 725.190 Applicability

a) The owner or operator of a surface impoundment, landfill, or land treatment facility that is used to manage hazardous waste must implement a groundwater monitoring program capable of determining the facility's impact on the quality of groundwater in the uppermost aquifer underlying the facility, except as Section 725.101 and subsection (c) of this Section provide otherwise.

b) Except as subsections (c) and (d) of this Section provide otherwise, the owner or operator must install, operate, and maintain a groundwater monitoring system that meets the requirements of Section 725.191 and must comply with Sections 725.192 through 725.194. This groundwater monitoring program must be carried out during the active life of the facility and for disposal facilities during the post-closure care period as well.

c) All or part of the groundwater monitoring requirements of this Subpart F may be waived if the owner or operator can demonstrate that there is a low potential for migration of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents from the facility via the uppermost aquifer to water supply wells (domestic, industrial, or agricultural) or to surface water. This demonstration must be in writing and must be kept at the facility. This demonstration must be certified by a qualified geologist or geotechnical engineer and must establish the following:

1) The potential for migration of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents from the facility to the uppermost aquifer by an evaluation of the following information:

A) A water balance of precipitation, evapotranspiration, runoff, and infiltration; and

B) Unsaturated zone characteristics (i.e., geologic materials, physical properties, and depth to ground water); and

2) The potential for hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents that enter the uppermost aquifer to migrate to a water supply well or surface water by an evaluation of the following information:

A) Saturated zone characteristics (i.e., geologic materials, physical properties, and rate of groundwater flow); and

B) The proximity of the facility to water supply wells or surface water.

d) If an owner or operator assumes (or knows) that groundwater monitoring of indicator parameters in accordance with Sections 725.191 and 725.192 would show statistically significant increases (or decreases in the case of pH) when evaluated pursuant to Section 725.193(b), it may install, operate, and maintain an alternate groundwater monitoring system (other than the one described in Sections 725.191 and 725.192). If the owner or operator decides to use an alternate groundwater monitoring system it must have done as follows:

1) ~~By Nov. 19, 1981, the~~ The owner or operator must ~~have submitted to the USEPA Region 5~~ develop a specific plan, certified by a qualified geologist or geotechnical engineer, that satisfies the requirements of federal 40 CFR 265.93(d)(3) for an alternate groundwater monitoring system. This plan is to be placed in the facility's operating record and maintained until closure of the facility;

2) ~~By Nov. 19, 1981, the~~ The owner or operator must have initiated the determinations specified in federal 40 CFR 265.93(d)(4);

3) The owner or operator must ~~have prepared and submitted~~ prepare a written report in accordance with Section 725.193(d)(5) and place it in the facility's operating record and maintain until closure of the facility;

4) The owner or operator must continue to make the determinations specified in Section 725.193(d)(4) on a quarterly basis until final closure of the facility; and

5) The owner or operator must comply with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in Section 725.194(b).

e) The groundwater monitoring requirements of this Subpart F may be waived with respect to any surface impoundment of which the following is true:

1) The impoundment is used to neutralize wastes that are hazardous solely because they exhibit the corrosivity characteristic pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721.122 or which are listed as hazardous wastes in Subpart D of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721 only for this reason; and

2) The impoundment contains no other hazardous wastes, if the owner or operator can demonstrate that there is no potential for migration of hazardous wastes from the impoundment. The demonstration must establish, based upon consideration of the characteristics of the wastes and the impoundment, that the corrosive wastes will be neutralized to the extent that they no longer meet the corrosivity characteristic before they can migrate out of the impoundment. The demonstration must be in writing and must be certified by a qualified professional.

f) A permit or enforceable document can contain alternative requirements for groundwater monitoring that replace all or part of the requirements of this Subpart F applicable to a regulated unit (as defined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.190), as provided pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703.161, where the Board has determined by an adjusted standard granted pursuant to Section 28.1 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/28.1] and Subpart D of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104 the following:

1) The regulated unit is situated among solid waste management units (or areas of concern), a release has occurred, and both the regulated unit and one or more solid waste management units (or areas of concern) are likely to have contributed to the release; and

2) It is not necessary to apply the groundwater monitoring requirements of this Subpart F because the alternative requirements will adequately protect human health and the environment. The alternative standards for the regulated unit must meet the requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.201(a).

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.193 Preparation, Evaluation, and Response

a) By no later than ~~Nov.~~November 19, 1981, the owner or operator must have prepared an outline of a groundwater quality assessment program. The outline must describe a more comprehensive groundwater monitoring program (than that described in Sections 725.191 and 725.192) capable of determining each of the following:

1) Whether hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents have entered the groundwater;

2) The rate and extent of migration of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents in the groundwater; and

3) The concentrations of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents in the groundwater.

b) For each indicator parameter specified in Section 725.192(b)(3), the owner or operator must calculate the arithmetic mean and variance, based on at least four replicate measurements on each sample, for each well monitored in accordance with Section 725.192(d)(2) and compare these results with its initial background arithmetic mean. The comparison must consider individually each of the wells in the monitoring system and must use the Student's t-test at the 0.01 level of significance (see Appendix D) to determine statistically significant increases (and decreases, in the case of pH) over initial background.

c) Well comparisons.

1) If the comparisons for the upgradient wells made under subsection (b) of this Section show a significant increase (or pH decrease) the owner or operator must submit this information in accordance with Section 725.194(a)(2)(B).

2) If the comparisons for downgradient wells made under subsection (b) of this Section show a significant increase (or pH decrease) the owner or operator must then immediately obtain additional groundwater samples for those downgradient wells where a significant difference was detected, split the samples in two and obtain analyses of all additional samples to determine whether the significant difference was a result of laboratory error.

d) Notice to the Agency.

1) If the analyses performed under subsection (c)(2) of this Section confirm the significant increase (or pH decrease) the owner or operator must provide written notice to the Agency -- within seven days after the date of such confirmation -- that the facility may be affecting groundwater quality.

2) Within 15 days after the notification under subsection (d)(1) of this Section, the owner or operator must develop ~~and submit to the Agency~~ a specific plan, based on the outline required under subsection (a) of this Section and certified by a qualified geologist or geotechnical engineer for a groundwater quality assessment ~~program~~ at the facility. This plan must be placed in the facility operating record and be maintained until closure of the facility.

3) The plan to be submitted under Section 725.190(d)(1) or subsection (d)(2) of this Section must specify all of the following:

A) The number, location, and depth of wells;

B) Sampling and analytical methods for those hazardous wastes or hazardous waste constituents in the facility;

C) Evaluation procedures, including any use of previously gathered groundwater quality information; and

D) A schedule of implementation.

4) The owner or operator must implement the groundwater quality assessment plan that satisfies the requirements of subsection (d)(3) of this Section and, at a minimum, determine each of the following:

A) The rate and extent of migration of the hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents in the groundwater; and

B) The concentrations of the hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents in the groundwater.

5) The owner or operator must make his first determination under subsection (d)(4) of this Section, as soon as technically feasible ~~and, within 15 days after that determination, submit to the Agency a written~~, and prepare a report containing an assessment of the groundwater quality. This report must be placed in the facility operating record and be maintained until closure of the facility.

6) If the owner or operator determines, based on the results of the first determination under subsection (d)(4) of this Section, that no hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents from the facility have entered the groundwater, then he may reinstate the indicator evaluation program described in Section 725.192 and subsection (b) of this Section. If the owner or operator reinstates the indicator evaluation program, he must so notify the Agency in the report submitted under subsection (d)(5) of this Section.

7) If the owner or operator determines, based on the first determination under subsection (d)(4) of this Section, that hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents from the facility have entered the groundwater, then the owner or operator must do either of the following:

A) It must continue to make the determinations required under subsection (d)(4) of this Section on a quarterly basis until final closure of the facility if the groundwater quality assessment plan was implemented prior to final closure of the facility; or

B) It may cease to make the determinations required under subsection (d)(4) of this Section if the groundwater quality assessment plan was implemented during the post-closure care period.

e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Subpart F, any groundwater quality assessment to satisfy the requirements of subsection (d)(4) of this Section that is initiated prior to final closure of the facility must be completed and reported in accordance with subsection (d)(5) of this Section.

f) Unless the groundwater is monitored to satisfy the requirements of subsection (d)(4) of this Section at least annually the owner or operator must evaluate the data on groundwater surface elevations obtained under Section

725.192(e) to determine whether the requirements under Section 725.191(a) for locating the monitoring wells continues to be satisfied. If the evaluation shows that Section 725.191(a) is no longer satisfied, the owner or operator must immediately modify the number, location~~,~~ or depth of the monitoring wells to bring the groundwater monitoring system into compliance with this requirement.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

SUBPART G: CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE

Section 725.212 Closure Plan; Amendment of Plan

a) Written plan. Within six months after the effective date of the rule that first subjects a facility to provisions of this Section, the owner or operator of a hazardous waste management facility must have a written closure plan. Until final closure is completed and certified in accordance with Section 725.215, a copy of the most current plan must be furnished to the Agency upon request including request by mail. In addition, for facilities without approved plans, it must also be provided during site inspections on the day of inspection to any officer, employee, or representative of the Agency.

b) Content of plan. The plan must identify the steps necessary to perform partial or final closure of the facility at any point during its active life. The closure plan must include the following minimal information:

1) A description of how each hazardous waste management unit at the facility will be closed in accordance with Section 725.211;

2) A description of how final closure of the facility will be conducted in accordance with Section 725.211. The description must identify the maximum extent of the operation that will be unclosed during the active life of the facility;

3) An estimate of the maximum inventory of hazardous wastes ever on-site over the active life of the facility and a detailed description of the methods to be used during partial and final closure, including, but not limited to methods for removing, transporting, treating, storing, or disposing of all hazardous waste, and identification of and the types of off-site hazardous waste management units to be used, if applicable;

4) A detailed description of the steps needed to remove or decontaminate all hazardous waste residues and contaminated containment system components, equipment, structures, and soils during partial and final closure including, but not limited to, procedures for cleaning equipment and removing contaminated soils, methods for sampling and testing surrounding soils, and criteria for determining the extent of decontamination necessary to satisfy the closure performance standard;

5) A detailed description of other activities necessary during the partial and final closure ~~period~~ periods to ensure that all partial closures and final closure satisfy the closure performance standards, including, but not limited to, groundwater monitoring, leachate collection, and runon and runoff control;

6) A schedule for closure of each hazardous waste management unit and for final closure of the facility. The schedule must include, at a minimum, the total time required to close each hazardous waste management unit and the time required for intervening closure activities that will allow tracking of the

progress of partial and final closure. (For example, in the case of a landfill unit, estimates of the time required to treat or dispose of all hazardous waste inventory and of the time required to place a final cover must be included.);

7) An estimate of the expected year of final closure for facilities that use trust funds to demonstrate financial assurance under Section 725.243 or 725.245 and whose remaining operating life is less than twenty years, and for facilities without approved closure plans; and

8) For a facility where alternative requirements are established at a regulated unit under Section 725.190(f), 725.210(d), or 725.240(d), as provided under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703.161, either the alternative requirements applying to the regulated unit or a reference to the enforceable document containing those alternative requirements.

c) Amendment of plan. The owner or operator may amend the closure plan at any time prior to the notification of partial or final closure of the facility. An owner or operator with an approved closure plan must submit a written request to the Agency to authorize a change to the approved closure plan. The written request must include a copy of the amended closure plan for approval by the Agency.

1) The owner or operator must amend the closure plan whenever any of the following occurs:

A) Changes in the operating plans or facility design affect the closure plan;

B) Whenever there is a change in the expected year of closure, if applicable;

C) In conducting partial or final closure activities, unexpected events require a modification of the closure plan; or

D) The owner or operator requests the establishment of alternative requirements, as provided under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703.161, to a regulated unit under Section 725.190(f), 725.210(c), or 725.240(d).

2) The owner or operator must amend the closure plan at least 60 days prior to the proposed change in facility design or operation, or no later than 60 days after an unexpected event has occurred that has affected the closure plan. If an unexpected event occurs during the partial or final closure period, the owner or operator must amend the closure plan no later than 30 days after the unexpected event. These provisions also apply to owners or operators of surface impoundments and waste piles that intended to remove all hazardous wastes at closure, but are required to close as landfills in accordance with Section 725.410.

3) An owner or operator with an approved closure plan must submit the modified plan to the Agency at least 60 days prior to the proposed change in facility design or operation, or no more than 60 days after an unexpected event has occurred that has affected the closure plan. If an unexpected event has occurred during the partial or final closure period, the owner or operator must submit the modified plan no more than 30 days after the unexpected event. These provisions also apply to owners or operators of surface impoundments and waste piles that intended to remove all hazardous wastes at closure but are required to close as landfills in accordance with Section 725.410. If the amendment to the plan is a Class 2 or 3 modification according to the criteria in 35 Ill.

Adm. Code 703.280, the modification to the plan must be approved according to the procedures in subsection (d)(4) of this Section.

4) The Agency may request modifications to the plan under the conditions described in subsection (c)(1) of this Section. An owner or operator with an approved closure plan must submit the modified plan within 60 days after the request from the Agency, or within 30 days if the unexpected event occurs during partial or final closure. If the amendment is considered a Class 2 or 3 modification according to the criteria in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703.280, the modification to the plan must be approved in accordance with the procedures in subsection (d)(4) of this Section.

d) Notification of partial closure and final closure.

1) When notice is required.

A) The owner or operator must submit the closure plan to the Agency at least 180 days prior to the date on which the owner or operator expects to begin closure of the first surface impoundment, waste pile, land treatment, or landfill unit, or final closure if it involves such a unit, whichever is earlier.

B) The owner or operator must submit the closure plan to the Agency at least 45 days prior to the date on which the owner or operator expects to begin partial or final closure of a boiler or industrial furnace.

C) The owner or operator must submit the closure plan to the Agency at least 45 days prior to the date on which the owner or operator expects to begin final closure of a facility with only tanks, container storage, or incinerator units.

D) An owner or operator with an approved closure plan must notify the Agency in writing at least 60 days prior to the date on which the owner or operator expects to begin closure of a surface impoundment, waste pile, landfill, or land treatment unit, or final closure of a facility involving such a unit.

E) An owner or operator with an approved closure plan must notify the Agency in writing at least 45 days prior to the date on which the owner or operator expects to begin partial or final closure of a boiler or industrial furnace.

F) An owner or operator with an approved closure plan must notify the Agency in writing at least 45 days prior to the date on which the owner or operator expects to begin final closure of a facility with only tanks, container storage, or incinerator units.

2) The date when the owner or operator "expects to begin closure" must be either of the following dates:

A) Within 30 days after the date on which any hazardous waste management unit receives the known final volume of hazardous wastes or, if there is a reasonable possibility that the hazardous waste management unit will receive additional hazardous wastes, no later than one year after the date on which the unit received the most recent volume of hazardous waste. If the owner or operator of a hazardous waste management unit demonstrates to the Agency that the hazardous waste management unit or facility has the capacity to receive additional hazardous wastes and that the owner or operator has taken and will continue to take, all steps to prevent threats to human health and the environment,

including compliance with all interim status requirements, the Agency must approve an extension to this one-year limit; or

B) For units meeting the requirements of Section 725.213(d), no later than 30 days after the date on which the hazardous waste management unit receives the known final volume of non-hazardous wastes or, if there is a reasonable possibility that the hazardous waste management unit will receive additional non-hazardous wastes, no later than one year after the date on which the unit received the most recent volume of non-hazardous wastes. If the owner or operator demonstrates to the Agency that the hazardous waste management unit has the capacity to receive additional non-hazardous wastes and that the owner and operator have taken, and will continue to take, all steps to prevent threats to human health and the environment, including compliance with all applicable interim status requirements, the Agency must approve an extension to this one-year limit.

3) The owner or operator must submit the closure plan to the Agency no later than 15 days after occurrence of either of the following events:

A) Termination of interim status (except when a permit is issued to the facility simultaneously with termination of interim status); or

B) Issuance of a judicial decree or Board order to cease receiving hazardous wastes or to close the facility or unit.

4) The Agency must provide the owner or operator and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on the plan and request modifications of the plan no later than 30 days from the date of the notice. The Agency must also, in response to a request or at its own discretion, hold a public hearing whenever such a hearing might clarify one or more issues concerning a closure plan. The Agency must give public notice of the hearing at least 30 days before it occurs. (Public notice of the hearing may be given at the same time as notice of the opportunity for the public to submit written comments and the two notices may be combined.) The Agency must approve, modify, or disapprove the plan within 90 days after its receipt. If the Agency does not approve the plan, the Agency must provide the owner or operator with a detailed written statement of reasons for the refusal, and the owner or operator must modify the plan or submit a new plan for approval within 30 days after receiving such written statement. The Agency must approve or modify this plan in writing within 60 days. If the Agency modifies the plan, this modified plan becomes the approved closure plan. The Agency must assure that the approved plan is consistent with Sections 725.211 through 725.215 and the applicable requirements of Sections 725.190 et seq., 725.297, 725.328, 725.358, 725.380, 725.410, 725.451, 725.481, 725.504, and ~~724.1102~~ 725.1102. A copy of this modified plan with a detailed statement of reasons for the modifications must be mailed to the owner or operator.

e) Removal of wastes and decontamination or dismantling of equipment. Nothing in this Section precludes the owner or operator from removing hazardous wastes and decontaminating or dismantling equipment in accordance with the approved partial or final closure plan at any time before or after notification of partial or final closure.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.213 Closure; Time Allowed for Closure

a) Within 90 days after receiving the final volume of hazardous wastes, or the final volume of non-hazardous wastes, if the owner or operator complies with all the applicable requirements of subsections (d) and (e) of this Section at a hazardous waste management unit or facility, or 90 days after approval of the closure plan, whichever is later, the owner or operator must treat, remove from the unit or facility, or dispose of on-site all hazardous wastes in accordance with the approved closure plan. The Agency must approve a longer period if the owner or operator demonstrates the following:

1) The need to remain in operation by showing either of the following conditions exists:

A) The activities required to comply with this subsection (a) will, of necessity, take longer than 90 days to complete; or

B) All of the following conditions are true:

i) The hazardous waste management unit or facility has the capacity to receive additional hazardous wastes, or has the capacity to receive non-hazardous wastes, if the owner or operator complies with subsections (d) and (e) of this Section;

ii) There is a reasonable likelihood that the owner or operator, or another person will recommence operation of the hazardous waste management unit or facility within one year; and

iii) Closure of the hazardous waste management unit or facility would be incompatible with continued operation of the site; and

2) The owner or operator has taken and will continue to take all steps to prevent threats to human health and the environment including compliance with all applicable interim status requirements.

b) The owner or operator must complete partial and final closure activities in accordance with the approved closure plan and within 180 days after receiving the final volume of hazardous wastes, or the final volume of non-hazardous wastes, if the owner or operator complies with all applicable requirements of subsections (d) and (e) of this Section at the hazardous waste management unit or facility, or 180 days after approval of the closure plan, if that is later. The Agency must approve an extension to the closure period if the owner or operator demonstrates the following:

1) The need to remain in operation by showing either of the following conditions exists:

A) The partial or final closure activities will, of necessity, take longer than 180 days to complete; or

B) All of the following conditions are true:

i) The hazardous waste management unit or facility has the capacity to receive additional hazardous wastes, or the final volume of non-hazardous wastes, if the owner or operator complies with all the applicable requirements of subsections (d) and (e) of this Section; and

ii) There is a reasonable likelihood that the owner or operator or another person will recommence operation of the hazardous waste management unit or facility within one year; and

iii) Closure of the hazardous waste management unit or facility would be incompatible with continued operation of the site; and

2) The owner or operator has taken and will continue to take all steps to prevent threats to human health and the environment from the unclosed but not operating hazardous waste management unit or facility, including compliance with all applicable interim status requirements.

c) The demonstration referred to in subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1) of this Section must be made as follows:

1) The demonstration in subsection (a)(1) of this Section must be made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the 90-day period in subsection (a) of this Section; and

2) The demonstrations in subsection (b)(1) of this Section must be made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the 180-day period in subsection (b) of this Section, unless the owner or operator is otherwise subject to deadlines in subsection (d) of this Section.

d) Continued receipt of non-hazardous waste. The Agency must permit an owner or operator to receive non-hazardous wastes in a landfill, land treatment unit or surface impoundment unit after the final receipt of hazardous wastes at that unit if the following are true:

1) The owner or operator submits an amended Part B application, or a new Part B application if none was previously submitted, and demonstrates the following:

A) The unit has the existing design capacity as indicated on the Part A application to receive non-hazardous wastes;

B) There is a reasonable likelihood that the owner or operator or another person will receive non-hazardous waste in the unit within one year after the final receipt of hazardous wastes;

C) The non-hazardous wastes will not be incompatible with any remaining wastes in the unit, or with the facility design and operating requirements of the unit or facility pursuant to this Part;

D) Closure of the hazardous waste management unit would be incompatible with continued operation of the unit or facility; and

E) The owner or operator is operating and will continue to operate in compliance with all applicable interim status requirements;

2) The Part B application includes an amended waste analysis plan, groundwater monitoring and response program, human exposure assessment required pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703.186, closure and post-closure care plans, updated cost estimates, and demonstrations of financial assurance for closure and post-closure care, as necessary and appropriate, to reflect any changes due to the presence of hazardous constituents in the non-hazardous wastes and changes in closure activities, including the expected year of closure, if

applicable pursuant to Section 725.212(b)(7), as a result of the receipt of non-hazardous wastes following the final receipt of hazardous wastes;

3) The Part B application is amended, as necessary and appropriate, to account for the receipt of non-hazardous wastes following receipt of the final volume of hazardous wastes; and

4) The Part B application and the demonstrations referred to in subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this Section are submitted to the Agency no later than 180 days prior to the date on which the owner or operator of the facility receives the known final volume of hazardous wastes or no later than 90 days after this Section applies to the facility, whichever is later.

e) Surface impoundments. In addition to the requirements in subsection (d) of this Section, an owner or operator of a hazardous waste surface impoundment that is not in compliance with the liner and leachate collection system requirements in Section 725.321(a) must receive non-hazardous wastes only as authorized by an adjusted standard pursuant to this subsection (e).

1) The petition for adjusted standard must include the following:

A) A plan for removing hazardous wastes; and

B) A contingent corrective measures plan.

2) The removal plan must provide for the following:

A) Removing all hazardous liquids;

B) Removing all hazardous sludges to the extent practicable without impairing the integrity of the liner or liners, if any; and

C) Removal of hazardous wastes no later than 90 days after the final receipt of hazardous wastes. The Board will allow a longer time, if the owner or operator demonstrates the following:

i) That the removal of hazardous wastes will, of necessity, take longer than the allotted period to complete; and

ii) That an extension will not pose a threat to human health and the environment.

3) The following is required of contingent corrective measures plan:

A) It must meet the requirements of a corrective action plan pursuant to Section 724.199, based upon the assumption that a release has been detected from the unit.

B) It may be a portion of a corrective action plan previously submitted pursuant to Section 724.199.

C) It may provide for continued receipt of non-hazardous wastes at the unit following a release only if the owner or operator demonstrates that continued receipt of wastes will not impede corrective action.

D) It must provide for implementation within one year after a release, or within one year after the grant of the adjusted standard, whichever is later.

4) Release. A release is a statistically significant increase (or decrease in the case of pH) in hazardous constituents over background levels, detected in accordance with the requirements in Subpart F of this Part.

5) In the event of a release, the owner or operator of the unit must perform the following actions:

A) Within 35 days, the owner or operator must file with the Board a petition for adjusted standard pursuant to Section 28.1 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/28.1] and Subpart D of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104. If the Board finds that it is necessary to do so in order to adequately protect human health and the environment, the Board will modify the adjusted standard to require the owner or operator to perform either of the following actions:

i) Begin to implement the corrective measures plan in less than one year; or

ii) Cease the receipt of wastes until the plan has been implemented.

iii) The Board will retain jurisdiction or condition the adjusted standard so as to require the filing of a new petition to address any required closure pursuant to subsection (e)(7) of this Section;

B) The owner or operator must implement the contingent corrective measures plan; and

C) The owner or operator may continue to receive wastes at the unit if authorized by the approved contingent measures plan.

6) ~~Semi-annual~~ Annual report. During the period of corrective action, the owner or operator must provide ~~semi-annual~~ annual reports to the Agency that fulfill the following requirements:

A) They must describe the progress of the corrective action program;

B) They must compile all groundwater monitoring data; and

C) They must evaluate the effect of the continued receipt of non-hazardous wastes on the effectiveness of the corrective action.

7) Required closure. The owner or operator must commence closure of the unit in accordance with the closure plan and the requirements of this Part if the Board terminates the adjusted standard, or if the adjusted standard terminates pursuant to its terms.

A) The Board will terminate the adjusted standard if the owner or operator failed to implement corrective action measures in accordance with the approved contingent corrective measures plan.

B) The Board will terminate the adjusted standard if the owner or operator fails to make substantial progress in implementing the corrective measures plan and achieving the facility's groundwater protection standard, or background levels if the facility has not yet established a groundwater protection standard.

C) The adjusted standard will automatically terminate if the owner or operator fails to implement the removal plan.

D) The adjusted standard will automatically terminate if the owner or operator fails to timely file a required petition for adjusted standard.

8) Adjusted standard procedures. The following procedures must be used in granting, modifying or terminating an adjusted standard pursuant to this subsection.

A) Except as otherwise provided, the owner or operator must follow the procedures of Section 28.1 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/28.1] and Subpart D of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104 to petition the Board for an adjusted standard.

B) Initial justification. The Board will grant an adjusted standard, pursuant to subsection (e)(1) of this Section, if the owner or operator demonstrates that the removal plan and contingent corrective measures plans meet the requirements of subsections (e)(2) and (e)(3) of this Section.

C) The Board will include the following conditions in granting an adjusted standard pursuant to subsection (e)(1) of this Section:

i) A plan for removing hazardous wastes;

ii) A requirement that the owner or operator remove hazardous wastes in accordance with the plan;

iii) A contingent corrective measures plan;

iv) A requirement that, in the event of a release, the owner or operator must, within 35 days, file with the Board a petition for adjusted standard, implement the corrective measures plan, and file semi-annual reports with the Agency;

v) A condition that the adjusted standard will terminate if the owner or operator fails to implement the removal plan or timely file a required petition for adjusted standard; and

vi) A requirement that, in the event the adjusted standard is terminated, the owner or operator must commence closure of the unit in accordance with the requirements of the closure plan and this Part.

D) Justification in the event of a release. The Board will modify or terminate the adjusted standard pursuant to a petition filed pursuant to subsection (e)(5)(A) of this Section, as provided in that subsection or in subsection (e)(7) of this Section.

9) The owner or operator may file a revised closure plan within 15 days after an adjusted standard is terminated.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.215 Certification of Closure

Within 60 days after completion of closure of each hazardous waste surface impoundment, waste pile, land treatment, and landfill unit, and within 60 days after completion of final closure, the owner or operator must submit to the Agency, by registered mail, a certification that the hazardous waste management unit or facility, as applicable, has been closed in accordance with the specifications in the approved closure plan. The certification must be signed

by the owner or operator and by ~~an independent registered professi 1 _' eer~~ a qualified Professional Engineer. Documentation supporting ~~in ' ..t registered professional engineer's~~the Professional Engineer's certification must be furnished to the Agency upon request until the Agency releases the owner or operator from the financial assurance requirements for closure under Section 725.243(h).

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.220 Certification of Completion of Post-Closure Care

No later than 60 days after the completion of the established post-closure care period for each hazardous waste disposal unit, the owner or operator must submit to the Agency, by registered mail, a certification that the post-closure care period for the hazardous waste disposal unit was performed in accordance with the specifications in the approved post-closure plan. The certification must be signed by the owner or operator and ~~an independent register ' rofessi 1 engineer~~ a qualified Professional Engineer. Documentation supporting the ~~independent registered professi 1 _' eer's~~ Professional Engineer's certification must be furnished to the Agency upon request until the Agency releases the owner or operator from the financial assurance requirements for post-closure care under Section 725.245(h).

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SUBPART H: FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 725.240 Applicability

a) The requirements of Sections 725.242, 725.243, and 725.247 through 725.250 apply to owners and operators of all hazardous waste facilities, except as provided otherwise in this Section or in Section 725.101.

b) The requirements of Sections 725.244 and ~~725.246~~ 725.245 apply only to owners and operators of any of the following:

1) Disposal facilities;

2) Tank systems that are required pursuant to Section 725.297 to meet the requirements for landfills; or

3) Containment buildings that are required pursuant to Section 725.1102 to meet the requirements for landfills.

c) States and the federal government are exempt from the requirements of this Subpart H.

d) A permit or enforceable document can contain alternative requirements that replace all or part of the financial assurance requirements of this Subpart H applying to a regulated unit, as provided in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703.161, where the Board or Agency has done the following:

1) The Board, by an adjusted standard granted pursuant to Section 28.1 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/28.1] and Subpart D of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 104, has established alternative requirements for the regulated unit established pursuant to Section 725.190(f) or Section 724.210(d); and

2) The Board has determined that it is not necessary to apply the financial assurance requirements of this Subpart H because the alternative financial assurance requirements will adequately protect human health and the environment.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.242 Cost Estimate for Closure

a) The owner or operator must have a detailed written estimate, in current dollars, of the cost of closing the facility in accordance with the requirements in Sections 725.211 through 725.215 and applicable closure requirements of Sections ~~725.278,~~ 725.297, 725.328, 725.358, 725.380, 725.410, 725.451, 725.481, 725.504, and 725.1102.

1) The estimate must equal the cost of final closure at the point in the facility's active life when the extent and manner of its operation would make closure the most expensive, as indicated by its closure plan (see Section 725.212(b)); and

2) The closure cost estimate must be based on the costs to the owner or operator of hiring a third party to close the facility. A third party is a party that is neither a parent nor a subsidiary of the owner or operator. (See definition of "parent corporation" in Section 725.241(d).) The owner or operator may use costs for on-site disposal if the owner or operator demonstrates that on-site disposal capacity will exist at all times over the life of the facility.

3) The closure cost estimate must not incorporate any salvage value that may be realized by the sale of hazardous wastes, or non-hazardous wastes if applicable under Section 725.213(d), facility structures or equipment, land or other facility assets at the time of partial or final closure.

4) The owner or operator must not incorporate a zero cost for hazardous waste, or non-hazardous waste if applicable under Section 725.213(d), that may have economic value.

b) During the active life of the facility, the owner or operator must adjust the closure cost estimate for inflation within 60 days prior to the anniversary date of the establishment of the financial instruments used to comply with Section 725.243. For an owner or operator using the financial test or corporate guarantee, the closure cost estimate must be updated for inflation within 30 days after the close of the firm's fiscal year and before submission of updated information to the Agency, as specified in Section 725.243(e)(5). The adjustment may be made by recalculating the closure cost estimate in current dollars, or by using an inflation factor derived from the most recent annual Implicit Price Deflator for Gross National Product, as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce in its Survey of Current Business as specified in subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this Section. The inflation factor is the result of dividing the latest published annual Deflator by the Deflator for the previous year.

1) The first adjustment is made by multiplying the closure cost estimate by the inflation factor. The result is the adjusted closure cost estimate.

2) Subsequent adjustments are made by multiplying the latest adjusted closure cost estimate by the latest inflation factor.

c) During the active life of the facility, the owner or operator must revise the closure cost estimate no later than 30 days after a revision has been made to the closure plan that increases the cost of closure. If the owner or operator has an approved closure plan, the closure cost estimate must be revised no later than 30 days after the Agency has approved the request to modify the closure plan if the change in the closure plan increases the cost of closure. The revised closure cost estimate must be adjusted for inflation as specified in subsection (b) of this Section.

d) The owner or operator must keep the following at the facility during the operating life of the facility: the latest closure cost estimate prepared in accordance with subsections (a) and (c) of this Section, and, when this estimate has been adjusted in accordance with subsection (b) of this Section, the latest adjusted closure cost estimate.

(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 725.243 Financial Assurance for Closure

An owner or operator of each facility must establish financial assurance for closure of the facility. The owner or operator must choose from the options specified in subsections (a) through (e) of this Section.

a) Closure trust fund.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by establishing a closure trust fund that conforms to the requirements of this subsection and submitting an original, signed duplicate of the trust agreement to the Agency. The trustee must be an entity that has the authority to act as a trustee and whose trust operations are regulated and examined by a federal or State agency.

2) The wording of the trust agreement must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251 and the trust agreement must be accompanied by a formal certification of acknowledgment as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251. Schedule A of the trust agreement must be updated within 60 days after a change in the amount of the current closure cost estimate covered by the agreement.

3) Payments into the trust fund must be made annually by the owner or operator over the 20 years beginning May 19, 1981, or over the remaining operating life of the facility as estimated in the closure plan, whichever period is shorter; this period is hereafter referred to as the "pay-in period." The payments into the closure trust fund must be made as follows:

A) The first payment must be made before May 19, 1981, except as provided in subsection (a)(5) of this Section. The first payment must be at least equal to the current closure cost estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section, divided by the number of years in the pay-in period.

B) Subsequent payments must be made no later than 30 days after each anniversary date of the first payment. The amount of each subsequent payment must be determined by this formula:

Next payment =

Where:

CE = the current closure cost ~~estimateCV~~estimateCV= the current value of the trust ~~fundY~~ fundY= the number of years remaining in the pay-in period.

4) The owner or operator may accelerate payments into the trust fund or may deposit the full amount of the current closure cost estimate at the time the fund is established. However, the owner or operator must maintain the value of the fund at no less than the value that the fund would have if annual payments were made as specified in subsection (a)(3) of this Section.

5) If the owner or operator establishes a closure trust fund after having used one or more alternate mechanisms specified in this Section, the owner or operator's first payment must be in at least the amount that the fund would contain if the trust fund were established initially and annual payments made as specified in subsection (a)(3) of this Section.

6) After the pay-in period is completed, whenever the current closure cost estimate changes, the owner or operator must compare the new estimate with the trustee's most recent annual valuation of the trust fund. If the value of the fund is less than the amount of the new estimate, the owner or operator, within 60 days after the change in the cost estimate, must either deposit an amount into the fund so that its value after this deposit at least equals the amount of the current closure cost estimate, or obtain other financial assurance, as specified in this Section, to cover the difference.

7) If the value of the trust fund is greater than the total amount of the current closure cost estimate, the owner or operator may submit a written request to the Agency for release of the amount in excess of the current closure cost estimate.

8) If an owner or operator substitutes other financial assurance, as specified in this Section, for all or part of the trust fund, the owner or operator may submit a written request to the Agency for release of the amount in excess of the current closure cost estimate covered by the trust fund.

9) Within 60 days after receiving a request from the owner or operator for release of funds as specified in subsection (a)(7) or (a)(8) of this Section, the Agency must instruct the trustee to release to the owner or operator such funds as the Agency specifies in writing.

10) After beginning partial or final closure, an owner or operator or another person authorized to conduct partial or final closure may request reimbursement for closure expenditures by submitting itemized bills to the Agency. The owner or operator may request reimbursement for partial closure only if sufficient funds are remaining in the trust fund to cover the maximum costs of closing the facility over its remaining operating life. Within 60 days after receiving bills for partial or final closure activities, the Agency must instruct the trustee to make reimbursement in those amounts as the Agency specifies in writing if the Agency determines that the partial or final closure expenditures are in accordance with the approved closure plan, or otherwise justified. If the Agency determines that the maximum cost of closure over the remaining life of the facility will be significantly greater than the value of the trust fund, it must withhold reimbursement of such amounts as it deems prudent until it determines, in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section, that the owner or operator is no longer required to maintain financial assurance for final closure of the facility. If the Agency does not instruct the trustee to make such reimbursements, the Agency must provide the owner or operator a detailed written statement of reasons.

11) The Agency must agree to termination of the trust when either of the following occurs:

A) An owner or operator substitutes alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section; or

B) The Agency releases the owner or operator from the requirements of this Section in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section.

b) Surety bond guaranteeing payment into a closure trust fund.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by obtaining a surety bond that conforms to the requirements of this subsection (b) and submitting the bond to the Agency. The surety company issuing the bond must, at a minimum, be among those listed as acceptable sureties on federal bonds in Circular 570 of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

~~: The U.S. rtment of Treasury updates Circular 570, "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring C s," an annual basis pursuant to 31 CFR 223.16. Circular 570 is available on the Internet from the following website: http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/.~~

2) The wording of the surety bond must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251.

3) The owner or operator that uses a surety bond to satisfy the requirements of this Section must also establish a standby trust fund. Under the terms of the bond, all payments made thereunder will be deposited by the surety directly into the standby trust fund in accordance with instructions from the Agency. This standby trust fund must meet the requirements specified in subsection (a) of this Section, except as follows:

A) An original, signed duplicate of the trust agreement must be submitted to the Agency with the surety bond; and

B) Until the standby trust fund is funded pursuant to the requirements of this Section, the following are not required by these regulations:

i) Payments into the trust fund, as specified in subsection (a);

ii) Updating of Schedule A of the trust agreement (see 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251(a)) to show current closure cost estimates;

iii) Annual valuations, as required by the trust agreement; and

iv) Notices of nonpayment, as required by the trust agreement.

4) The bond must guarantee that the owner or operator will:

A) Fund the standby trust fund in an amount equal to the penal sum of the bond before the beginning of final closure of the facility;

B) Fund the standby trust fund in an amount equal to the penal sum within 15 days after an order to begin final closure is issued by the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction; or

C) Provide alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section, and obtain the Agency's written approval of the assurance provided, within 90 days after receipt by both the owner or operator and the Agency of a notice of cancellation of the bond from the surety.

5) Under the terms of the bond, the surety will become liable on the bond obligation when the owner or operator fails to perform as guaranteed by the bond.

6) The penal sum of the bond must be in an amount at least equal to the current closure cost estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section.

7) Whenever the current closure cost estimate increases to an amount greater than the penal sum, the owner or operator, within 60 days after the increase, must either cause the penal sum to be increased to an amount at least equal to the current closure cost estimate and submit evidence of such increase to the Agency, or obtain other financial assurance, as specified in this Section, to cover the increase. Whenever the current closure cost estimate decreases, the penal sum may be reduced to the amount of the current closure cost estimate following written approval by the Agency.

8) Under the terms of the bond, the surety may cancel the bond by sending notice of cancellation by certified mail to the owner or operator and to the Agency. Cancellation may not occur, however, during the 120 days beginning on the date of receipt of the notice of cancellation by both the owner or operator and the Agency, as evidenced by the return receipts.

9) The owner or operator may cancel the bond if the Agency has given prior written consent based on its receipt of evidence of alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section.

c) Closure letter of credit.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by obtaining an irrevocable standby letter of credit that conforms to the requirements of this subsection (c) and submitting the letter to the Agency. The issuing institution must be an entity that has the authority to issue letters of credit and whose letter-of-credit operations are regulated and examined by a federal or State agency.

2) The wording of the letter of credit must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251.

3) An owner or operator that uses a letter of credit to satisfy the requirements of this Section must also establish a standby trust fund. Under the terms of the letter of credit, all amounts paid pursuant to a draft by the Agency must be deposited by the issuing institution directly into the standby trust fund in accordance with instructions from the Agency. This standby trust fund must meet the requirements of the trust fund specified in subsection (a) of this Section, except as follows:

A) An original, signed duplicate of the trust agreement must be submitted to the Agency with the letter of credit; and

B) Unless the standby trust fund is funded pursuant to the requirements of this Section, the following are not required by these regulations:

i) Payments into the trust fund, as specified in subsection (a) of this Section;

ii) Updating of Schedule A of the trust agreement (as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251) to show current closure cost estimates;

iii) Annual valuations, as required by the trust agreement; and

iv) Notices of nonpayment as required by the trust agreement.

4) The letter of credit must be accompanied by a letter from the owner or operator referring to the letter of credit by number, issuing institution, and date and providing the following information: the USEPA identification number, name, and address of the facility, and the amount of funds assured for closure of the facility by the letter of credit.

5) The letter of credit must be irrevocable and issued for a period of at least one year. The letter of credit must provide that the expiration date will be automatically extended for a period of at least one year unless, at least 120 days before the current expiration date, the issuing institution notifies both the owner or operator and the Agency by certified mail of a decision not to extend the expiration date. Under the terms of the letter of credit, the 120 days will begin on the date when both the owner or operator and the Agency have received the notice, as evidenced by the return receipts.

6) The letter of credit must be issued in an amount at least equal to the current closure cost estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section.

7) Whenever the current closure cost estimate increases to an amount greater than the amount of the credit, the owner or operator, within 60 days after the increase, must either cause the amount of the credit to be increased so that it at least equals the current closure cost estimate and submit evidence of such increase to the Agency, or obtain other financial assurance, as specified in this Section, to cover the increase. Whenever the current closure cost estimate decreases, the amount of the credit may be reduced to the amount of the current closure cost estimate following written approval by the Agency.

8) Following a final judicial determination or Board order finding that the owner or operator has failed to perform final closure in accordance with the approved closure plan when required to do so, the Agency may draw on the letter of credit.

9) If the owner or operator does not establish alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section, and obtain written approval of such alternate assurance from the Agency within 90 days after receipt by both the owner or operator and the Agency of a notice from issuing institution that it has decided not to extend the letter of credit beyond the current expiration date, the Agency must draw on the letter of credit. The Agency may delay the drawing if the issuing institution grants an extension of the term of the credit. During the last 30 days of any such extension the Agency must draw on the letter of credit if the owner or operator has failed to provide alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section, and obtain written approval of such assurance from the Agency.

10) The Agency must return the letter of credit to the issuing institution for termination when one of the following occurs:

A) An owner or operator substitutes alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section; or

B) The Agency releases the owner or operator from the requirements of this Section in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section.

d) Closure insurance.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by obtaining closure insurance that conforms to the requirements of this subsection and submitting a certificate of such insurance to the Agency. At a minimum, the insurer must be licensed to transact the business of insurance, or eligible to provide insurance as an excess or surplus lines insurer, in one or more States.

2) The wording of the certificate of insurance must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251.

3) The closure insurance policy must be issued for a face amount at least equal to the current closure cost estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section. The term "face amount" means the total amount the insurer is obligated to pay under the policy. Actual payments by the insurer will not change the face amount, although the insurer's future liability will be lowered by the amount of the payments.

4) The closure insurance policy must guarantee that funds will be available to close the facility whenever final closure occurs. The policy must also guarantee that, once final closure begins, the insurer will be responsible for paying out funds, up to an amount equal to the face amount of the policy, upon the direction of the Agency to such party or parties as the Agency specifies.

5) After beginning partial or final closure, an owner or operator or any other person authorized to conduct closure may request reimbursement for closure expenditures by submitting itemized bills to the Agency. The owner or operator may request reimbursement for partial closure only if the remaining value of the policy is sufficient to cover the maximum costs of closing the facility over its remaining operating life. Within 60 days after receiving bills for closure activities, the Agency must instruct the insurer to make reimbursement in such amounts as the Agency specifies in writing if the Agency determines that the partial or final closure expenditures are in accordance with the approved closure plan or otherwise justified. If the Agency determines that the maximum cost of closure over the remaining life of the facility will be significantly greater than the face amount of the policy, it must withhold reimbursement of such amounts as it deems prudent until it determines, in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section, that the owner or operator is no longer required to maintain financial assurance for final closure of the particular facility. If the Agency does not instruct the insurer to make such reimbursements, the Agency must provide the owner or operator with a detailed written statement of reasons.

6) The owner or operator must maintain the policy in full force and effect until the Agency consents to termination of the policy by the owner or operator as specified in subsection (d)(10) of this Section. Failure to pay the premium, without substitution of alternate financial assurance as specified in this Section, will constitute a significant violation of these regulations,

warranting such remedy as the Board may impose pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act. Such violation will be deemed to begin upon receipt by the Agency of a notice of future cancellation, termination, or failure to renew due to nonpayment of the premium, rather than upon the date of expiration.

7) Each policy must contain a provision allowing assignment of the policy to a successor owner or operator. Such assignment may be conditional upon consent of the insurer, provided such consent is not unreasonably refused.

8) The policy must provide that the insurer may not cancel, terminate, or fail to renew the policy except for failure to pay the premium. The automatic renewal of the policy must, at a minimum, provide the insured with the option of renewal at the face amount of the expiring policy. If there is a failure to pay the premium, the insurer may elect to cancel, terminate, or fail to renew the policy by sending notice by certified mail to the owner or operator and the Agency. Cancellation, termination, or failure to renew may not occur, however, during the 120 days beginning with the date of receipt of the notice by both the Agency and the owner or operator, as evidenced by the return receipts. Cancellation, termination, or failure to renew may not occur and the policy will remain in full force and effect in the event that, on or before the date of expiration, one of the following occurs:

A) The Agency deems the facility abandoned;

B) Interim status is terminated or revoked;

C) Closure is ordered by the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction;

D) The owner or operator is named as debtor in a voluntary or involuntary proceeding under 11 USC (Bankruptcy); or

E) The premium due is paid.

9) Whenever the current closure cost estimate increases to an amount greater than the face amount of the policy, the owner or operator, within 60 days after the increase, must either cause the face amount to be increased to an amount at least equal to the current closure cost estimate and submit evidence of such increase to the Agency, or obtain other financial assurance as specified in this Section to cover the increase. Whenever the current closure cost estimate decreases, the face amount may be reduced to the amount of the current closure cost estimate following written approval by the Agency.

10) The Agency must give written consent to the owner or operator that the owner or operator may terminate the insurance policy when either of the following occurs:

A) An owner or operator substitutes alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section; or

B) The Agency releases the owner or operator from the requirements of this Section in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section.

e) Financial test and corporate guarantee for closure.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by demonstrating that the owner or operator passes a financial test as specified in

this subsection. To pass this test the owner or operator must meet the criteria of either subsection (e)(1)(A) or (e)(1)(B) of this Section:

A) The owner or operator must have all of the following:

i) Two of the following three ratios: a ratio of total liabilities to net worth less than 2.0; a ratio of the sum of net income plus depreciation, depletion and amortization to total liabilities greater than 0.1; and a ratio of current assets to current liabilities greater than 1.5;

ii) Net working capital and tangible net worth each at least six times the sum of the current closure and post-closure cost estimates and the current plugging and abandonment cost estimates;

iii) Tangible net worth of at least $10 million; and

iv) Assets located in the United States amounting to at least 90 percent of total assets or at least six times the sum of the current closure and post-closure cost estimates and the current plugging and abandonment cost estimates.

B) The owner or operator must have all of the following:

i) A current rating for its most recent bond issuance of AAA, AA, A, or BBB, as issued by Standard and Poor's, or Aaa, Aa, A, or Baa, as issued by Moody's;

ii) Tangible net worth at least six times the sum of the current closure and post-closure cost estimates and the current plugging and abandonment cost estimates;

iii) Tangible net worth of at least $10 million; and

iv) Assets located in the United States amounting to at least 90 percent of total assets or at least six times the sum of the current closure and post-closure cost estimates and the current plugging and abandonment cost estimates.

2) The phrase "current closure and post-closure cost estimates," as used in subsection (e)(1) of this Section, refers to the cost estimates required to be shown in subsections 1 through 4 of the letter from the owner's or operator's chief financial officer (see 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251). The phrase "current plugging and abandonment cost estimates," as used in subsection (e)(1) of this Section, refers to the cost estimates required to be shown in subsections 1 through 4 of the letter from the owner's or operator's chief financial officer (see 35 Ill. Adm. Code 704.240).

3) To demonstrate that the owner or operator meets this test, the owner or operator must submit each of the following items to the Agency:

A) A letter signed by the owner's or operator's chief financial officer and worded as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251;

B) A copy of the independent certified public accountant's report on examination of the owner's or operator's financial statements for the latest completed fiscal year; and

C) A special report from the owner's or operator's independent certified public accountant to the owner or operator stating the following:

i) That the accountant has compared the data that the letter from the chief financial officer specifies as having been derived from the independently audited, year-end financial statements for the latest fiscal year with the amounts in such financial statements; and

ii) In connection with that procedure, that no matters came to the accountant's attention which caused the accountant to believe that the specified data should be adjusted.

4) This subsection (e)(4) corresponds with 40 CFR 265.143(e)(4), a federal provision relating to an extension of the time to file the proofs of financial assurance required by this subsection (e) granted by USEPA. This statement maintains structural consistency with the corresponding federal regulations.

5) After the initial submission of items specified in subsection (e)(3) of this Section, the owner or operator must send updated information to the Agency within 90 days after the close of each succeeding fiscal year. This information must consist of all three items specified in subsection (e)(3) of this Section.

6) If the owner or operator no longer meets the requirements of subsection (e)(1) of this Section, the owner or operator must send notice to the Agency of intent to establish alternate financial assurance as specified in this Section. The notice must be sent by certified mail within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year for which the year-end financial data show that the owner or operator no longer meets the requirements. The owner or operator must provide the alternate financial assurance within 120 days after the end of such fiscal year.

7) The Agency may, based on a reasonable belief that the owner or operator may no longer meet the requirements of subsection (e)(1) of this Section, require reports of financial condition at any time from the owner or operator in addition to those specified in subsection (e)(3) of this Section. If the Agency finds, on the basis of such reports or other information, that the owner or operator no longer meets the requirements of subsection (e)(1) of this Section, the owner or operator must provide alternate financial assurance as specified in this Section within 30 days after notification of such a finding.

8) The Agency may disallow use of this test on the basis of qualifications in the opinion expressed by the independent certified public accountant in the accountant's report on examination of the owner's or operator's financial statements (see subsection (e)(3)(B) of this Section). An adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion will be cause for disallowance. The Agency must evaluate other qualifications on an individual basis. The owner or operator must provide alternate financial assurance as specified in this Section within 30 days after notification of the disallowance.

9) The owner or operator is no longer required to submit the items specified in subsection (e)(3) of this Section when either of the following occurs:

A) An owner or operator substitutes alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section; or

B) The Agency releases the owner or operator from the requirements of this Section in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section.

10) An owner or operator may meet the requirements of this Section by obtaining a written guarantee, hereafter referred to as "corporate guarantee."

The guarantor must be the direct or higher-tier parent corporation of the owner or operator, a firm whose parent corporation is also the parent corporation of the owner or operator, or a firm with a "substantial business relationship" with the owner or operator. The guarantor must meet the requirements for owners or operators in subsections (e)(1) through (e)(8) of this Section, and must comply with the terms of the corporate guarantee. The wording of the corporate guarantee must be identical to the wording specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251. The corporate guarantee must accompany the items sent to the Agency as specified in subsection (e)(3) of this Section. One of these items must be the letter from the guarantor's chief financial officer. If the guarantor's parent corporation is also the parent corporation of the owner or operator, the letter must describe the value received in consideration of the guarantee. If the guarantor is a firm with a "substantial business relationship" with the owner or operator, this letter must describe this substantial business relationship" and the value received in consideration of the guarantee. The terms of the corporate guarantee must provide the following:

A) That, if the owner or operator fails to perform final closure of a facility covered by the corporate guarantee in accordance with the closure plan and other interim status requirements whenever required to do so, the guarantor will do so or establish a trust fund as specified in subsection (a) of this Section, in the name of the owner or operator.

B) That the corporate guarantee will remain in force unless the guarantor sends notice of cancellation by certified mail to the owner or operator and to the Agency. Cancellation may not occur, however, during the 120 days beginning on the date of receipt of the notice of cancellation by both the owner or operator and the Agency, as evidenced by the return receipts.

C) That, if the owner or operator fails to provide alternate financial assurance as specified in this Section and obtain the written approval of such alternate assurance from the Agency within 90 days after receipt by both the owner or operator and the Agency of a notice of cancellation of the corporate guarantee from the guarantor, the guarantor will provide such alternate financial assurance in the name of the owner or operator.

f) Use of multiple financial mechanisms. An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by establishing more than one financial mechanism per facility. These mechanisms are limited to trust funds, surety bonds, letters of credit, and insurance. The mechanisms must be as specified in subsections (a) through (d) of this Section, respectively, except that it is the combination of mechanisms, rather than the single mechanism, that must provide financial assurance for an amount at least equal to the current closure cost estimate. If an owner or operator uses a trust fund in combination with a surety bond or a letter of credit, the owner or operator may use the trust fund as the standby trust fund for the other mechanisms. A single standby trust fund may be established for two or more mechanisms. The Agency may use any or all of the mechanisms to provide for closure of the facility.

g) Use of a financial mechanism for multiple facilities. An owner or operator may use a financial assurance mechanism specified in this Section to meet the requirements of this Section for more than one facility. Evidence of financial assurance submitted to the Agency must include a list showing, for each facility, the USEPA identification number, name, address, and the amount of funds for closure assured by the mechanism. The amount of funds available through the mechanism must be no less than the sum of funds that would be available if a separate mechanism had been established and maintained for each

facility. The amount of funds available to the Agency must be sufficient to close all of the owner or operator's facilities. In directing funds available through the mechanism for closure of any of the facilities covered by the mechanism, the Agency may direct only the amount of funds designated for that facility, unless the owner or operator agrees to the use of additional funds available under the mechanism.

h) Release of the owner or operator from the requirements of this Section. Within 60 days after receiving certifications from the owner or operator and ~~an independent registered professional engineer~~ a qualified Professional Engineer that final closure has been completed in accordance with the approved closure plan, the Agency must notify the owner or operator in writing that the owner or operator is no longer required by this Section to maintain financial assurance for closure of the facility, unless the Agency determines that closure has not been in accordance with the approved closure plan. The Agency must provide the owner or operator a detailed written statement of any such determination that closure has not been in accordance with the approved closure plan.

i) Appeal. The following Agency actions are deemed to be permit modifications or refusals to modify for purposes of appeal to the Board (35 Ill. Adm. Code 702.184(e)(3)):

1) An increase in, or a refusal to decrease the amount of, a bond, letter of credit, or insurance; or

2) Requiring alternate assurance upon a finding that an owner or operator or parent corporation no longer meets a financial test.

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Section 725.245 Financial Assurance for Post-Closure Monitoring and Maintenance

An owner or operator of a facility with a hazardous waste disposal unit must establish financial assurance for post-closure care of the disposal units. The owner or operator must choose from the following options:

a) Post-closure trust fund.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by establishing a post-closure trust fund that conforms to the requirements of this subsection and submitting an original, signed duplicate of the trust agreement to the Agency. The trustee must be an entity that has the authority to act as a trustee and whose trust operations are regulated and examined by a federal or State agency.

2) The wording of the trust agreement must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251 and the trust agreement must be accompanied by a formal certification of acknowledgment (as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251). Schedule A of the trust agreement must be updated within 60 days after a change in the amount of the current post-closure cost estimate covered by the agreement.

3) Payments into the trust fund must be made annually by the owner or operator over the 20 years beginning May 19, 1981, or over the remaining operating life of the facility as estimated in the closure plan, whichever

period is shorter; this period is hereafter referred to as the "pay-in period." The payments into the post-closure trust fund must be made as follows:

A) The first payment must have been made before May 19, 1981, except as provided in subsection (a)(5) of this Section. The first payment must be at least equal to the current post-closure cost estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section, divided by the number of years in the pay-in period.

B) Subsequent payments must be made no later than 30 days after each anniversary date of the first payment. The amount of each subsequent payment must be determined by this formula:

Next payment =

Where:

CE = the current closure cost ~~estimateCV~~estimateCV= the current value of the trust ~~fundY~~ fundY= the number of years remaining in the pay-in period.

4) The owner or operator may accelerate payments into the trust fund or may deposit the full amount of the current post-closure cost estimate at the time the fund is established. However, the owner or operator must maintain the value of the fund at no less than the value that the fund would have if annual payments were made as specified in subsection (a)(3) of this Section.

5) If the owner or operator establishes a post-closure trust fund after having used one or more alternate mechanisms specified in this Section, the owner or operator's first payment must be in at least the amount that the fund would contain if the trust fund were established initially and annual payments made as specified in subsection (a)(3) of this Section.

6) After the pay-in period is completed, whenever the current post-closure cost estimate changes during the operating life of the facility, the owner or operator must compare the new estimate with the trustee's most recent annual valuation of the trust fund. If the value of the fund is less than the amount of the new estimate, the owner or operator, within 60 days after the change in the cost estimate, must either deposit an amount into the fund so that its value after this deposit at least equals the amount of the current post-closure cost estimate, or obtain other financial assurance as specified in this Section to cover the difference.

7) During the operating life of the facility, if the value of the trust fund is greater than the total amount of the current post-closure cost estimate, the owner or operator may submit a written request to the Agency for release of the amount in excess of the current post-closure cost estimate.

8) If an owner or operator substitutes other financial assurance as specified in this Section for all or part of the trust fund, owner or operator may submit a written request to the Agency for release of the amount in excess of the current post-closure cost estimate covered by the trust fund.

9) Within 60 days after receiving a request from the owner or operator for release of funds as specified in subsection (a)(7) or (a)(8) of this Section, the Agency must instruct the trustee to release to the owner or operator such funds as the Agency specifies in writing.

10) During the period of post-closure care, the Agency must approve a release of funds if the owner or operator demonstrates to the Agency that the value of the trust fund exceeds the remaining cost of post-closure care.

11) An owner or operator or any other person authorized to perform post-closure care may request reimbursement for post-closure care expenditures by submitting itemized bills to the Agency. Within 60 days after receiving bills for post-closure activities, the Agency must instruct the trustee to make reimbursement in those amounts as the Agency specifies in writing if the Agency determines that the post-closure care expenditures are in accordance with the approved post-closure plan or otherwise justified. If the Agency does not instruct the trustee to make such reimbursements, the Agency must provide the owner or operator with a detailed written statement of reasons.

12) The Agency must agree to termination of a trust when either of the following occurs:

A) An owner or operator substitutes alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section; or

B) The Agency releases the owner or operator from the requirements of this Section in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section.

b) Surety bond guaranteeing payment into a post-closure trust fund.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by obtaining a surety bond that conforms to the requirements of this subsection (b) and submitting the bond to the Agency. The surety company issuing the bond must, at a minimum, be among those listed as acceptable sureties on federal bonds in Circular 570 of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

BOARD NOTE: The U.S. Department of the Treasury updates Circular 570, "Companies Holding Certificates of Authority as Acceptable Sureties on Federal Bonds and as Acceptable Reinsuring Companies," on an annual basis pursuant to 31 ~~CFR~~CRF 223.16. Circular 570 is available on the Internet from the following website: http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/.

2) The wording of the surety bond must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251.

3) The owner or operator that uses a surety bond to satisfy the requirements of this Section must also establish a standby trust fund. Under the terms of the bond, all payments made thereunder will be deposited by the surety directly into the standby trust fund in accordance with instructions from the Agency. This standby trust fund must meet the requirements specified in subsection (a) of this Section, except as follows:

A) An original, signed duplicate of the trust agreement must be submitted to the Agency with the surety bond; and

B) Until the standby trust fund is funded pursuant to the requirements of this Section, the following are not required by these regulations:

i) Payments into the trust fund, as specified in subsection (a) of this Section;

ii) Updating of Schedule A of the trust agreement (as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251) to show current post-closure cost estimates;

iii) Annual valuations, as required by the trust agreement; and

iv) Notices of nonpayment, as required by the trust agreement.

4) The bond must guarantee that the owner or operator will perform the following acts:

A) Fund the standby trust fund in an amount equal to the penal sum of the bond before the beginning of final closure of the facility; or

B) Fund the standby trust fund in an amount equal to the penal sum within 15 days after an order to begin closure is issued by the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction; or

C) Provide alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section, and obtain the Agency's written approval of the assurance provided, within 90 days after receipt by both the owner or operator and the Agency of a notice of cancellation of the bond from the surety.

5) Under the terms of the bond, the surety will become liable on the bond obligation when the owner or operator fails to perform as guaranteed by the bond.

6) The penal sum of the bond must be in an amount at least equal to the current post-closure cost estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section.

7) Whenever the current post-closure cost estimate increases to an amount greater than the penal sum, the owner or operator, within 60 days after the increase, must either cause the penal sum to be increased to an amount at least equal to the current post-closure cost estimate and submit evidence of such increase to the Agency or obtain other financial assurance as specified in this Section to cover the increase. Whenever the current post-closure cost estimate decreases, the penal sum may be reduced to the amount of the current post-closure cost estimate following written approval by the Agency.

8) Under the terms of the bond, the surety may cancel the bond by sending notice of cancellation by certified mail to the owner or operator and to the Agency. Cancellation may not occur, however, during the 120 days beginning on the date of receipt of the notice of cancellation by both the owner or operator and the Agency, as evidenced by the return receipts.

9) The owner or operator may cancel the bond if the Agency has given prior written consent based on its receipt of evidence of alternate financial assurance as specified in this Section.

c) Post-closure letter of credit.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by obtaining an irrevocable standby letter of credit that conforms to the requirements of this subsection (c) and submitting the letter to the Agency. The issuing institution must be an entity that has the authority to issue letters of credit and whose letter-of-credit operations are regulated and examined by a federal or State agency.

2) The wording of the letter of credit must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251.

3) An owner or operator that uses a letter of credit to satisfy the requirements of this Section must also establish a standby trust fund. Under the terms of the letter of credit, all amounts paid pursuant to a draft by the Agency must be deposited by the issuing institution directly into the standby trust fund in accordance with instructions from the Agency. This standby trust fund must meet the requirements of the trust fund specified in subsection (a) of this Section, except as follows:

A) An original, signed duplicate of the trust agreement must be submitted to the Agency with the letter of credit; and

B) Unless the standby trust fund is funded pursuant to the requirements of this Section, the following are not required by these regulations:

i) Payments into the trust fund, as specified in subsection (a) of this Section;

ii) Updating of Schedule A of the trust agreement (as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.151) to show current post-closure cost estimates;

iii) Annual valuations, as required by the trust agreement; and

iv) Notices of nonpayment, as required by the trust agreement.

4) The letter of credit must be accompanied by a letter from the owner or operator referring to the letter of credit by number, issuing institution, and date and providing the following information: the USEPA identification number, name, and address of the facility, and the amount of funds assured for post-closure care of the facility by the letter of credit.

5) The letter of credit must be irrevocable and issued for a period of at least one year. The letter of credit must provide that the expiration date will be automatically extended for a period of at least one year unless, at least 120 days before the current expiration date, the issuing institution notifies both the owner or operator and the Agency by certified mail of a decision not to extend the expiration date. Under the terms of the letter of credit, the 120 days will begin on the date when both the owner or operator and the Agency have received the notice, as evidenced by the return receipts.

6) The letter of credit must be issued in an amount at least equal to the current post-closure cost estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section.

7) Whenever the current post-closure cost estimate increases to an amount greater than the amount of the credit during the operating life of the facility, the owner or operator, within 60 days after the increase, must either cause the amount of the credit to be increased so that it at least equals the current post-closure cost estimate and submit evidence of such increase to the Agency, or obtain other financial assurance, as specified in this Section, to cover the increase. Whenever the current cost estimate decreases during the operating life of the facility, the amount of the credit may be reduced to the amount of the current post-closure cost estimate following written approval by the Agency.

8) During the period of post-closure care, the Agency must approve a decrease in the amount of the letter of credit if the owner or operator demonstrates to the Agency that the amount exceeds the remaining cost of post-closure care.

9) Following a final judicial determination or Board order finding that the owner or operator has failed to perform post-closure care in accordance with the approved post-closure plan and other interim status requirements, the Agency may draw on the letter of credit.

10) If the owner or operator does not establish alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section, and obtain written approval of such alternate assurance from the Agency within 90 days after receipt by both the owner or operator and the Agency of a notice from the issuing institution that it has decided not to extend the letter of credit beyond the current expiration date, the Agency must draw on the letter of credit. The Agency may delay the drawing if the issuing institution grants an extension of the term of the credit. During the last 30 days after any such extension the Agency must draw on the letter of credit if the owner or operator has failed to provide alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section, and obtain written approval of such assurance from the Agency.

11) The Agency must return the letter of credit to the issuing institution for termination when either of the following occurs:

A) An owner or operator substitutes alternate financial assurance, as specified in this Section; or

B) The Agency releases the owner or operator from the requirements of this Section in accordance with subsection (h) of this Section.

d) Post-closure insurance.

1) An owner or operator may satisfy the requirements of this Section by obtaining post-closure insurance that conforms to the requirements of this subsection and submitting a certificate of such insurance to the Agency. At a minimum, the insurer must be licensed to transact the business of insurance, or eligible to provide insurance as an excess or surplus lines insurer, in one or more states.

2) The wording of the certificate of insurance must be as specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 724.251.

3) The post-closure insurance policy must be issued for a face amount at least equal to the current post-closure estimate, except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section. The term "face amount" means the total amount the insurer is obligated to pay under the policy. Actual payments by the insurer~~'s~~ will not change the face amount, although the insurer's future liability will be lowered by the amount of the payments.

4) The post-closure insurance policy must guarantee that funds will be available to provide post-closure care of facility whenever the post-closure period begins. The policy must also guarantee that, once post-closure care begins, the insurer will be responsible for paying out funds, up to an amount equal to the face amount of the policy, upon the direction of the Agency, to such party or parties as the Agency specifies.