

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SITE REMEDIATION PROGRAM

The Illinois Pollution Control Board is considering a proposal by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to update and clarify rules and to make some substantive changes to the Site Remediation Program (SRP). Hearings have been held concerning In the Matter of: Site Remediation Program: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 740, (R01-27). The Board is also considering a proposal submitted by Citizens for a Better Environment (R01-29), which has been consolidated with R01-027.

In R01-27 there are two proposed substantive changes to the Site Remediation Program. The first is establishment of “soil management zones” (SMZs) which would be used for on-site placement of contaminated soils for structural fill or land reclamation, consolidation of contaminated soils within the remediation site, and removal and re-deposit of contaminated soils following on-site treatment. The second change would require chemical analyses of soil and groundwater samples be performed by accredited laboratories

In R01-29 the Citizens for a Better Environment is calling for additional public hearing, record keeping, and reporting requirements on all Site Remediation Program sites intended to be used as schools. The original proposal would have applied to all SRP sites intended to be used as a school, playground, or public park; however, it was amended following questions at the first public hearing.

The Board tentatively plans to move these rulemakings to first notice in the coming months. If you want more details on these or any other rulemakings, visit the Rulemaking page on this Web site.