

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
February 19, 2015

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
)  
STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ) R 14-23  
POTABLE WATER WELL SURVEYS AND ) (Rulemaking – Land)  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES )  
PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH )  
AGENCY NOTICES OF THREATS FROM )  
CONTAMINATION: PROPOSED )  
AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL. ADM. CODE )  
1600 )

Adopted Rule. Final Order.

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD (by J.D. O’Leary):

On June 17, 2014, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) filed a proposal to amend Part 1600 of the Board’s Subtitle O Right to Know regulations. On November 20, 2014, the Board adopted a first-notice proposal. On January 22, 2015, the Board adopted a second-notice proposal and submitted it to review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). JCAR issued a certificate of no objection to the proposal on February 18, 2015. Today, the Board adopts amendments to Part 1600.

The Board’s November 20, 2014 first-notice opinion includes a review of the statutory and regulatory background for this rulemaking at pages 3-5 and a section-by-section summary of the Agency’s proposal at pages 5-17. The second-notice opinion includes at pages 2-3 a summary of changes made at that stage of this proceeding. Rather than reproduce those sections here, the Board recommends that any reader wishing to read them consult those opinions.

Below, the Board first provides the procedural background of this proceeding, before addressing the issues of the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of the adopted rules. Finally, the Board reaches its conclusion and issues its order submitting the amended rules.

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On June 17, 2014, the Agency filed a proposal to amend Part 1600 of the Board’s Right-to-Know rules. The Agency’s filing included a Statement of Reasons (SR). On July 24, 2014, the Board accepted the proposal for hearing. Also on July 24, 2014, the hearing officer issued an order scheduling two hearings: the first on September 4, 2014, in Springfield, and the second on October 16, 2014, in Chicago.

As required by Section 27(b) of the Environmental Protection Act (Act) (415 ILCS 5/27(b) (2012)), the Board requested on August 4, 2014, that the Department of Commerce and

Economic Opportunity (DCEO) conduct an economic impact study of the Agency's rulemaking proposal. The Board asked that DCEO determine by September 19, 2014, whether it would conduct such a study. The Board received no response from DCEO.

On August 21, 2014, the Agency pre-filed the testimony of Mr. Bradley Frost for the first hearing. On August 28, 2014, the hearing officer issued an order including an Attachment A listing Board questions on the Agency's proposal and pre-filed testimony.

The first hearing took place as scheduled on September 4, 2014, and the Board received the transcript (Tr.1) on September 9, 2014. During the hearing, the hearing officer admitted into the record two exhibits, Mr. Frost's pre-filed testimony, and the Agency's responses to the Board's pre-filed questions. Tr.1 at 10-11.

The second hearing took place as scheduled on October 16, 2014. The Board received the transcript (Tr.2) on October 17, 2014. On October 17, 2014, the hearing officer issued an order setting a deadline of October 31, 2014, to file post-hearing comments. On October 30, 2014, the Board received post-hearing comments from the Agency.

On November 20, 2014, the Board adopted its first-notice opinion and order (First Notice). The Board's first-notice proposal appeared in the *Illinois Register* on December 5, 2014. 38 Ill. Reg. 22411 (Dec. 5, 2014). On December 10, 2014, the hearing officer set a deadline of January 20, 2015, to file first-notice comments. The Board received no comments during the first-notice comment period.

On January 22, 2015, the Board adopted its second-notice proposal (Second Notice) and submitted it to review by JCAR. At its meeting on February 18, 2015, JCAR issued its certificate of no objection.

## **TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY AND ECONOMIC REASONABLENESS**

### **Economic Impact Study**

On August 4, 2014, as required by Section 27(b) of the Act (415 ILCS 5/27(b) (2012)), the Board requested that DCEO conduct an economic impact study of the Agency's rulemaking proposal. The Board asked DCEO to determine by September 19, 2014, whether it would conduct such a study. The Board has received no response to this request from DCEO. During each hearing, the hearing officer afforded participants an opportunity to address the Board's request for a study and DCEO's lack of response. Tr.1 at 13-14; Tr.2 at 6-7. No participant offered testimony or comment on the request or response. *See* Tr.1 at 14; Tr.2 at 6-7.

### **Technical Feasibility**

In its Statement of Reasons, the Agency stated that "[n]o new technical requirements are created by the proposed amendments." SR at 9. In its first-notice opinion, the Board found that the Agency's proposal, with limited changes during this proceeding, implements statutory and

regulatory revisions and amends the Right to Know rules in a manner that is technically feasible. First Notice at 18.

The Board did not receive any first-notice comments. In its second-notice opinion, the Board stated that the record did not include any persuasive claim that the proposed rules are technically infeasible. Second Notice at 3. The Board further stated that limited changes to the first-notice proposal had not added technical requirements or made them more stringent. *Id.* Since adopting its second-notice proposal, the Board has made only a limited number of technical, non-substantive changes to the proposal. On the basis of the record before it, the Board finds that the adopted rules are technically feasible.

### **Economic Reasonableness**

In its Statement of Reasons, the Agency stated that the economic costs related to its proposed amendments “are minimal, if any, but may include updated forms and employee procedural training.” SR at 9. In its first-notice opinion, the Board found that the Agency’s proposal, with limited changes during this proceeding, implements statutory and regulatory revisions and amends the Right to Know rules in a manner that is economically reasonable. First Notice at 18.

The Board did not receive any first-notice comments. In its second-notice opinion, the Board stated that the record did not include any persuasive claim that the proposed rules are economically unreasonable. Second Notice at 4. The Board further stated that limited changes to the first-notice proposal had not added or increased costs for compliance with the proposal. *Id.* Since adopting its second-notice proposal, the Board has made only a limited number of technical, non-substantive changes. On the basis of the record before it, the Board finds that the adopted rules are economically reasonable and will not have an adverse economic impact on the citizens of Illinois.

### **Board Discussion**

The Board has reviewed the record in this proceeding on the issues of technical feasibility and economic reasonableness. The Board finds that its adopted rules implement statutory and regulatory revisions and amend the Board’s Right to Know rules in a manner that is technically feasible and economically reasonable. The Board finds that the adopted rules will not have an adverse economic impact on the citizens of Illinois.

### **CONCLUSION**

As at first notice and second notice, the Board finds its proposed amendments technically feasible and economically reasonable. Since second notice, the Board has made only a limited number of non-substantive changes, which are not discussed in this order. The Board adopts the following amendments to its Right to Know regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 1600).

**ORDER**

The Board directs the Clerk to submit the following adopted amendments to Part 1600 of the Board's Right to Know regulations to the Secretary of State for publication in the *Illinois Register*. In the order below, proposed additions to Part 1600 are underlined, and proposed deletions appear stricken.

TITLE 35: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
 SUBTITLE O: RIGHT TO KNOW  
 CHAPTER I: POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PART 1600

STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELL SURVEYS  
 AND FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION  
 WITH AGENCY NOTICES OF THREATS FROM CONTAMINATION

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1600.APPENDIX A Contents of a Model Community Relations Plan

AUTHORITY: Implementing Sections 25d-3(c) and 25d-7(a) and authorized by Sections 4(i), 25d-7(a), and 27 of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/4(i), 25d-3(c), and 25d-7(a), and 27].

SOURCE: Adopted in R06-23 at 30 Ill. Reg. 15756, effective September 15, 2006; amended in R14-23 at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

SUBPART A: GENERAL

**Section 1600.110 Definitions**

Except as stated in this Section, or unless a different meaning of a word or term is clear from the context, the definitions of words or terms in this Part shall be the same as that applied to the same words or terms in Title I or Title VI-D of the Environmental Protection Act.

"Act" means the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5].

*"Agency" is the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. [415 ILCS 5/3.105]*

"Authorized party" means a person authorized by the Agency under subsection (c) of Section 25d-3 of the Act [415 ILCS 5/25d-3(c)] and Subpart C of this Part to provide notice as part of Agency-approved community relations activities in lieu of a notice required to be given by the Agency.

*"Board" is the Pollution Control Board. [415 ILCS 5/3.130]*

"Building control technology" means any technology or barrier that affects air flow or air pressure within a building for purposes of reducing or preventing contaminant migration to the indoor air.

"Class I groundwater quality standards" means the Class I groundwater quality standards located at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620.410.

*"Contaminant" is any solid, liquid or gaseous matter, any odor, or any form of energy, from whatever source. [415 ILCS 5/3.165]*

~~*"Contamination" or "contaminate", when used in connection with groundwater, means water pollution of such groundwater. [415 ILCS 5/3.170]*~~

"CRP" means the community relations plan required under Title VI-D of the Act and Subpart C of this Part.

*"Person" means individual, trust, firm, joint stock company, joint venture, consortium, commercial entity, corporation (including a government corporation), partnership, association, state, municipality, commission, political subdivision of a state, or any interstate body, including the United States Government and each department, agency and instrumentality of the United States. [415 ILCS 5/58.2]*

"Person performing a response action" means the ~~person or persons~~ person(s) taking responsibility for addressing a release by authorizing or approving the performance of a response action (e.g., Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program owner or operator, Site Remediation Program Remediation Applicant, permittees). The phrase does not include persons who have been hired or authorized to perform the response action by the person taking responsibility for the release or persons with whom the person taking responsibility for the release has contracted or subcontracted to perform the response action.

*"Release" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment, but excludes any release which results in exposure to persons solely within a workplace, with respect to a claim which such persons may assert against the employer or such persons; emissions from the engine exhaust of a motor vehicle, rolling stock, aircraft, vessel, or pipeline pumping station engine; release of source, byproduct, or special nuclear material from a nuclear incident, as those terms are defined in the federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954, if such release is subject to requirements with respect to financial protection established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission under Section 170 of such Act; and the normal application of fertilizer. [415 ILCS 5/3.395]*

"Response action" means any action or series of actions taken to address a release of contaminants or its effects as may be necessary or appropriate to protect human health or the environment. A response action may include, but is not limited to, release investigation and characterization, soil remediation, and groundwater remediation.

*"Soil gas" means the air existing in void spaces in the soil between the groundwater table and the ground surface. [415 ILCS 5/25d-1]*

"Tier 1 remediation objectives" means the Tier 1 remediation objectives located at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 742.

"Volatile chemicals" means chemicals with a Dimensionless Henry's Law Constant of greater than  $1.9 \times 10^{-2}$  or a vapor pressure greater than 0.1 Torr (mmHg) at 25°C. For

purposes of the indoor inhalation exposure route, elemental mercury is included in this definition.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

## SUBPART C: STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

### **Section 1600.300 Purpose and Scope**

- a) The purpose of this Subpart C is to establish the minimum standards and requirements for the development and implementation of community relations activities in accordance with Section 25d-7 of the Act when the Agency has authorized a person to provide the notice pursuant to subsections (a) and (c) of Section 25d-3 of the Act as part of the Agency-approved community relations activities. In addition, it is the purpose of this Part to ensure that these community relations activities fully inform communities and individuals in a timely manner about offsite impacts or potential impacts from soil, soil gas, or groundwater contamination, or any combination thereof both and the responses to such impacts. This Subpart C contains the minimum requirements for the content, submission for review, distribution and implementation of notices, contact lists, fact sheets and CRP ~~community relations plans~~, and the establishment and maintenance of document repositories.
- b) Subpart C Not a Limitation:
- 1) This Subpart C establishes minimum requirements for community relations activities when such activities are to be performed in place of a notice by the Agency in accordance with subsection (a) of Section 25d-3 of the Act. Nothing in this Subpart C is intended to prohibit or prevent a person from implementing other community relations activities sooner than required by this Subpart or under circumstances in addition to those described in this Subpart. The Agency may recommend that community relations activities be performed at other times and under other circumstances and may offer assistance with development and implementation of such activities where resources permit.
  - 2) Nothing in this Subpart C is intended to limit in any way the Agency's authority to provide independent notice of threats of exposure to the public from soil, soil gas, or groundwater contamination, or any combination thereof both, in accordance with Title VI-D of the Act [415 ILCS 5/25d-1 through 25d-10] and implementing rules or under any other authority.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

### Section 1600.310 Notices and Community Relations Plans for Limited Community Relations Activities

- a) Authorized parties must comply with community relations requirements in this Section if:
- 1) Measured or modeled groundwater contamination from the site where the release occurred (including the impact from soil contamination in concentrations exceeding the applicable remediation objectives for the soil component of the groundwater ingestion exposure route) poses a threat above the Class I groundwater quality standards ~~at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620~~ at five or fewer offsite private, semi-private, or non-community water system wells; ~~or~~
  - 2) Measured offsite groundwater contamination from volatile chemicals from the site where the release occurred poses a threat of indoor inhalation exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses at five or fewer offsite properties;
  - 3) ~~2~~ Offsite soil contamination from the site where the release occurred poses a threat of exposure ~~to the public~~ above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses ~~use(s)~~ at five or fewer offsite properties; or -
  - 4) Measured offsite soil gas contamination from the site where the release occurred poses a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses at five or fewer offsite properties.
- b) An authorized party within the limits set forth in subsection (a) of this Section must develop a notice and ~~community relations plan (CRP)~~ consisting of a contact list and fact sheet in accordance with this subsection (b).
- 1) Notices issued under subsection (c) of Section 25d-3 of the Act and this Part must be distributed in accordance with Section ~~1600.335~~ 1600.355 of this Part to the contact list as derived from subsection (b)(2) of this Section and may contain the following information:
    - A) *The name and address of the site or facility where the release occurred or is suspected to have occurred;*
    - B) *The identification of the contaminant released or suspected to have been released;*
    - C) *Information as to whether the contaminant was released or suspected to have been released into the air, land, or water;*



- D) *A brief description of the potential adverse health effects posed by the contaminant;*
  - E) *A recommendation that water systems with wells impacted or potentially impacted by the contamination be appropriately tested; and*
  - F) *The name, business address, and phone number of persons at the Agency from whom additional information about the release or suspected release can be obtained. [415 ILCS 5/25d-3(c)]*
- 2) The authorized party must prepare a contact list, which must consist of including, but not limited to, the following affected, potentially affected, and or interested persons, including, but not limited to, as applicable:
- A) Owners of offsite properties served by private, semi-private, or non-community water system wells that have been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
  - B) Owners of offsite properties without potable water supply wells but with groundwater that has been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
  - C) Owners of offsite properties with buildings located above groundwater with measured contamination from volatile chemicals that poses a threat of indoor inhalation exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses;
  - ~~D)B)~~ Owners of offsite properties with soil contamination posing a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses~~use(s)~~;
  - E) Owners of offsite properties with measured soil gas contamination posing a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses;
  - ~~F)C)~~ Occupants of the properties identified in subsections (b)(2)(A), (b)(2)(C), (b)(2)(D), and (b)(2)(E)~~and (b)(2)(B)~~ of this Section to the extent reasonably practicable. The contact list must include the methods by which the authorized party has attempted to identify the occupants; and

- ~~D)~~ ~~Owners of properties without potable water supply wells but with groundwater that has been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release; and~~
- ~~GE)~~ Officials of ~~unit~~each unit of government serving the affected or potentially affected properties, including but not limited to State and federal legislators, county board chairs and county clerks, ~~township supervisors, and~~ mayors or village presidents, ~~and~~ city or village clerks, and environmental health administrators for State and local health departments. Officials of specialized districts (e.g., school, drainage, park districts) may be excluded from the contact list unless required pursuant to subsections (b)(2)(A) through ~~(b)(2)(F)(b)(2)(D)~~ of this Section.
- 3) The authorized party must develop a fact sheet for the release and response action. The fact sheet must be distributed in accordance with Section 1600.335 of this Part to the contact list as derived from subsection (b)(2) of this Section. The fact sheet must be written clearly and concisely in non-technical, non-legal terminology. The fact sheet and any required updates must contain, at a minimum, the following information to the extent available:
- A) The nature and extent of the contaminant or contaminants identified on and off the site where the release occurred;
- B) A brief description of the pathway or pathways of potential exposure and the potential adverse public health effects posed by the contaminant or contaminants;
- C) A description of the appropriate actions that any precautionary measures affected or potentially affected persons~~parties~~ should take to evaluate the potential for threats to human health via a completed exposure pathway ~~avoid or reduce potential public health impacts~~, including potable water supply well sampling, soil gas sampling, and any other actions, as well as any precautionary measures necessary to avoid or reduce public health impacts, if and analysis recommendations, as appropriate;
- D) A non-technical description of the steps that are proposed to address the contamination, including, but not limited to, soil excavation and treatment, disposal or redistribution, pump-and-treat, bio-remediation, reliance on engineered barriers or institutional controls, groundwater monitoring, building control technologies, and so forth;

- E) The anticipated remediation schedule through completion of the project, including any operation, maintenance, or monitoring following construction of the remedy;
  - F) ~~The nature of the~~ closure documentation expected from the Agency (e.g., focused or comprehensive No Further Remediation (NFR) Letter, permit modification, or Section 4(y) letter) and a summary of the contents of the closure documentation (e.g., reliance on engineered barriers, or institutional controls, or building control technologies);
  - G) Responses to key community concerns as expressed by affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~;
  - H) The date of preparation of the fact sheet, the name of the representative or representatives~~representative(s)~~ of the business, site or facility from whom information and site-related documents may be obtained, and e-mail address, postal address, and telephone number where the representative or representatives~~representative(s)~~ can be reached; and
  - I) The name, e-mail address, postal address, and telephone number of the Agency's designated staff person and a statement that additional information and site-related documents may be available by contacting the Agency's designated staff person or by filing a request for site-specific information with the ~~appropriate~~ Agency ~~bureau~~ in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140].
- c) For information that is not available when a fact sheet is prepared pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of this Section, the submission of the fact sheet to the Agency for review must be accompanied by an explanation of why the information is unavailable at the time of the submission of the fact sheet and an estimate of when the missing information will be supplied in a revised fact sheet.
- d) Fact sheets and contact lists developed in accordance with this Section must be updated and redistributed whenever new information is obtained or developed or circumstances change so that there is a material change to the information required or provided in the fact sheet (e.g., completion of site investigation and characterization of the nature and extent of contaminants, higher concentrations of contaminants than previously detected, evidence of additional contaminants of concern or of a larger area affected by contamination, approval of plans or reports, completion of response action activities).

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

### Section 1600.315 Notices, Fact Sheet and Community Relations Plans for Expanded Community Relations Activities

- a) Authorized parties must comply with the community relations requirements in this Section if:
- 1) Measured or modeled groundwater contamination from the site where the release occurred (including the impact from soil contamination in concentrations exceeding the applicable remediation objectives for the soil component of the groundwater ingestion exposure route) poses a threat above the Class I groundwater quality standards ~~at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 620~~ at more than five offsite private, semi-private, or non-community water system wells or one or more community water system wells; ~~or~~
  - 2) Measured offsite groundwater contamination from volatile chemicals from the site where the release occurred poses a threat of indoor inhalation exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses at more than five offsite properties;
  - 3) ~~2)~~ Offsite soil contamination from the site where the release occurred poses a threat of exposure ~~to the public~~ above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses ~~use(s)~~ at more than five offsite properties; or;
  - 4) Measured offsite soil gas contamination from the site where the release occurred poses a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses at more than five offsite properties.
- b) An authorized party exceeding the limits set forth in subsection (a) of this Section must develop a notice and a ~~CRP~~ community relations plan and fact sheet in accordance with this subsection (b). Appendix A of this Part contains the outline of a model ~~CRP~~ community relations plan that may be appropriate for a site subject to this Section.
- 1) Notices must be developed in accordance with subsection (b)(1) of Section 1600.310 of this Part and distributed in accordance with Section 1600.335 of this Part to the contact list as derived from subsection (b)(2)(D) of this Section.
  - 2) The CRP must be implemented in accordance with Section 1600.335 of this Part and must include, but is not limited to, the following elements to the extent related to the contaminant or contaminants being addressed in the response action:

- A) A description of the site or facility and details of the release and any related soil, soil gas, or groundwater contamination;
- B) A list of community issues and concerns collected from affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~ identified through the process outlined in subsection (b)(2)(D) of this Section;
- C) A community relations program including elements of outreach, methods for maintaining a dialogue with affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~, and a schedule for activities and objectives; and
- D) The process for identifying and updating the contact list, which must consist of affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~, including, but not limited to:
  - i) Owners of offsite properties served by private, semi-private, or non-community water systems that have been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
  - ii) Owners and operators of community water system wells that have been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
  - iii) Owners of offsite properties without potable water supply wells but with groundwater that has been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
  - iv) Owners of offsite properties with buildings located above groundwater with measured contamination from volatile chemicals that poses a threat of indoor inhalation exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses;
  - ~~vii~~) Owners of offsite properties with soil contamination posing a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses~~use(s)~~;
  - vi) Owners of offsite properties with measured soil gas contamination posing a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses;
  - ~~viii~~) Occupants of the properties identified in subsections (b)(2)(D)(i), ~~and~~ (b)(2)(D)(iv), (b)(2)(D)(v), and

(b)(2)(D)(vi) of this Section to the extent reasonably practicable. The ~~CRP~~community relations plan must include the methods by which the authorized party will attempt to identify the occupants;

~~viii~~vi) Officials of units of government serving the affected and potentially affected properties, including but not limited to federal and State legislators, county board chairpersons and county clerks, mayors or village presidents, city or village clerks, and environmental health administrators for State and county health departments. Officials of specialized districts (e.g. school, drainage, park districts) may be excluded from the contact list unless required pursuant to subsections (b)(2)(D)(i) through (b)(2)(D)(vii), or (b)(2)(D)(ix) of this Section~~Local, State and federal officials whose jurisdiction covers the affected and potentially affected properties including: mayor or village president, city or village clerk, township supervisors, county board chair and county clerk, city and county health department administrator; State and federal legislators; and~~

~~ix~~vii) Citizens, identified groups, organizations or businesses within a minimum of 1,000 feet from the site where the release occurred that may have an interest in learning about affected and potentially affected properties (e.g., public and private school administrators, ~~parent organization~~Parent-Teacher Association leaders; day care center, senior center, and nursing home management; neighborhood or homeowner association or other community leaders as identified; hospital and clinic management; and recognized environmental or citizen advisory groups). If approved by the Agency, the initial minimum distance of 1,000 feet may be expanded or contracted as the CRP and contact list are updated based on new information developed during the response action.

- 3) Along with the development of a notice and CRP in accordance with subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this Section, the authorized party must develop and distribute a fact sheet for the release and response action. The fact sheet must be distributed in accordance with Section 1600.335 of this Part to the contact list as derived from subsection ~~(b)(2)(D)(b)(1)(D)~~ of this Section. The fact sheet must be written clearly and concisely in non-technical, non-legal terminology. If a significant portion of the population surrounding the site where the release occurred is non-English speaking, the fact sheet and any updates to the fact sheet must be produced and distributed in ~~both~~ English and any other~~another~~ predominant languages

spoken in the affected area language. The fact sheet and any required updates must contain, at a minimum, the following information to the extent available:

- A) The nature and extent of the contaminant or contaminants identified on-site and off-site of the site where the release occurred;
- B) A brief description of the pathway or pathways of potential exposure and the potential adverse public health effects posed by the contaminant or contaminants;
- C) A description of the appropriate actions that any precautionary measures affected or potentially affected persons parties should take to evaluate the potential for threats to human health via a completed exposure pathway avoid or reduce potential public health impacts, including potable water supply well sampling, soil gas sampling, and any other actions, as well as any precautionary measures necessary to avoid or reduce public health impacts, if and analysis recommendations, as appropriate;
- D) A non-technical description of the steps that are proposed to address the contamination including, but not limited to, soil excavation and treatment, disposal or redistribution, pump-and-treat, bio-remediation, reliance on engineered barriers or institutional controls, groundwater monitoring, building control technologies, and so forth;
- E) The anticipated remediation schedule through completion of the project, including any operation, maintenance, or monitoring following construction of the remedy;
- F) The ~~nature of the~~ closure documentation expected from the Agency (e.g., focused or comprehensive NFR Letter, permit modification, or Section 4(y) letter) and a summary of the contents of the closure documentation (e.g., reliance on engineered barriers, ~~or~~ institutional controls, or building control technologies);
- G) Responses to key community concerns as expressed by affected, potentially affected, and interested persons parties;
- H) The World Wide Web address of the Document Repository established pursuant to Section 1600.320 of this Part and the address and hours of the document repository established at a physical location, if also required pursuant to Section 1600.320 of this Part;

- I) The date of preparation of the fact sheet, the name of the ~~representative or representatives~~ representative(s) of the business, site or facility from whom information and copies of repository and other site-related documents may be obtained, and e-mail address, postal address, and telephone number where the ~~representative or representatives~~ representative(s) can be reached; and
- J) The name, e-mail address, postal address, and telephone number of the Agency's designated staff person and a statement that additional information and site-related documents may be available by contacting the Agency's designated staff person or by filing a request for site-specific information with the ~~appropriate~~ Agency ~~bureau~~ in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act [5 ILCS 140].
- c) For information that is not available when a fact sheet is prepared pursuant to subsection (b)(3)(2) of this Section, the submission of the fact sheet to the Agency for review shall be accompanied by an explanation of why the information is unavailable at the time of the submission of the fact sheet and an estimate of when the missing information will be supplied in a revised fact sheet.
- d) Updates
- 1) Fact sheets developed in accordance with subsection (b)(3)(2) of this Section must be updated and redistributed whenever new information is obtained or developed or circumstances change so that there is a material change to the information required or provided in the fact sheet (e.g., completion of site investigation and characterization of the nature and extent of contaminants, higher concentrations of contaminants than previously detected, evidence of additional contaminants of concern or of a larger area affected by contamination, approval of plans or reports, completion of response action activities).
  - 2) The CRP including, but not limited to, the contact list must be reviewed on a regular basis and updated, as necessary, to ensure that timely and accurate information is provided to affected, potentially affected, and interested ~~persons~~ parties and communities about releases of contaminants with actual or potential impacts to offsite wells, offsite property uses, or both. A current version of the publicly available CRP must be kept in the document repository described in Section 1600.320.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

### **Section 1600.320 Establishment of Document Repository**



Authorized parties developing a CRP pursuant to Section 1600.315 of this Part also must establish a document repository for the purpose of displaying documents and providing copies of those documents. The document repository must be established at a World Wide Web site. A document repository at a physical location as described under subsection (c) of this Section also must be established if a request for a repository at a physical location is made to the authorized party or to the Agency.

- a) The document repository must include the notice, ~~CRP community relations plan~~, all public notices (e.g., proof of publication for newspaper or other published notices, letters, door hangers, or other forms of public notification), all fact sheets, all applications, plans and reports submitted to the Agency for review and approval and subsequent Agency comment packages, and all final determinations by the Agency, such as ~~an NFRa No Further Remediation~~ Letter, permit modification, or other project completion documentation.
  - 1) The authorized party must update the repository promptly and continuously as notices, fact sheets, plans, reports, comment packages, and Agency decisions are generated throughout the process.
  - 2) The documents must be created, organized and indexed so that affected, potentially affected, or interested persons can identify, locate, and download documents of interest.
  - 3) The repository must include the business, site or facility representative's e-mail, postal address, and telephone number where inquiries can be directed and persons can request copies of repository documents and other site-related documents by mail.
  
- b) Repositories at World Wide Web Sites:
  - 1) The documents must be in a readily available format for downloading and printing (e.g., portable document format (.pdf), graphic interchange format (.gif), tagged image file format (.tiff), joint photographic group format (.jpg)) with links to web sites where software to view and print the documents may be downloaded.
  - 2) Documents that cannot be converted to a readily available format for downloading and printing must be described in the document index, identified as available upon request, and made available in accordance with subsection (a)(3) of this Section.
  - 3) System capacity must be sufficient to support the viewing and downloading of the documents in the repository and to accommodate the anticipated number of viewers.

- c) Repositories at Physical Locations:
- 1) Repositories established at physical locations must be established no later than ten business days after receipt of a request for a repository at a physical location or receipt of the Agency's notification that a request has been made to the Agency, whichever is earlier.
  - 2) Repositories established at a physical location must be at a public location (e.g., public library, city hall) and open to the public at times convenient to affected, potentially affected, or interested persons.
- d) Information deemed trade secrets or non-disclosable in accordance with Board procedures at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 130 or Agency procedures at 2 Ill. Adm. Code 1828 may be redacted or excluded from the repository consistent with the requirement for providing the public all documents that have not been deemed confidential. Information to be added to the document repository also must be screened to ensure that personal information identifying affected, potentially affected, or interested persons or their exact property locations is not disclosed.
- e) The document repository may be discontinued no less than 180 days after the recording of the NFR Letter or the issuance of other project completion documentation by the Agency (e.g., permit modification, closure letter, "4(y) letter" (see 415 ILCS 5/4(y))).

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**Section 1600.325 Submission of Notices, Contact Lists, and Fact Sheets and Community Relations Plans for Review**

- a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section or Section 1600.330(d) of this Part, authorized parties must, within 30 days after the date of their acceptance:
- 1) Submit to the Agency a notice and ~~CRP~~community relations plan satisfying the requirements of Section 1600.310(b) of this Part or a notice, CRP, fact sheet, and contact list satisfying the requirements of Section 1600.315(b) of this Part; and
  - 2) Establish a World Wide Web~~web~~ site document repository if required in accordance with Section 1600.320 of this Part.
- b) Updates of CRPs, fact sheets or both and updates of contact lists prepared pursuant to Section 1600.310(d) or Section 1600.315(d) of this Part also must be submitted for Agency review in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section except that the updates must be submitted to the Agency within ten days after preparing the revised CRP or developing or obtaining new information that would materially change the information required or provided in the fact sheet.

- c) If authorized by the Agency, CRPs, notices, contact lists or fact sheets may be filed in specified electronic formats.

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## **Section 1600.APPENDIX A Contents of a Model Community Relations Plan**

This Appendix A lists the four key elements of a CRP~~community relations plan~~ for an authorized party proceeding under Section 1600.315 of this Part and several factors that might be included with each element in a CRP~~community relations plan~~ prepared for the site where the release occurred. Unless otherwise required by rule, all the factors listed with each element may not be necessary for each site developing and implementing a CRP~~community relations plan~~ pursuant to this Part, but each factor should be considered when developing the CRP~~community relations plan~~.

1. **Site/Facility Description:** The CRP should provide ~~for the development~~ a brief overview of the site where the release occurred, including, but not limited to, a description of the business, site or facility, its current operations, previous land uses and previous remedial activities; the nature and extent of known contamination; and the known or potential threat to public health and the environment. The overview should include a map to an appropriate scale detailing the site location and surrounding area and showing roads and streets, homes and businesses, and geographic and other significant features.
2. **Community Issues and Concerns:** The CRP should provide ~~for the development of~~ a brief summary of the demographics of the area surrounding the site where the release occurred, including, but not limited to, the approximate percentage of non-English speaking persons among the affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~ and their preferred language or languages, key community concerns, and any preferred methods of communication as learned through research work, interviews, and surveys of a representative sample of affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~ identified through the process outlined in the fourth element below.
3. **Community Relations Program:** The CRP should describe the community relations program objectives, action plan, and schedule to keep affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~ apprised of conditions at the site, response actions, and actual or potential public health impacts. This section also should explain how the public will be notified of mailings or meetings. The contact person or persons~~person(s)~~ and contact information for public inquiries should be clearly defined. Additionally, details about the location of, and access to, the document repository should be outlined in this section of the CRP.
4. **Contact List:** The CRP should outline the process for identifying and updating a contact list and developing a contact database of affected, potentially affected, and interested persons~~parties~~ including, but not limited to:


- A. ~~Owners and occupants of~~ offsite properties served by private, semi-private, or non-community water systems that have been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
- B. Owners and operators of community water system wells that have been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
- C. Owners of offsite properties without potable water supply wells but with groundwater that has been or may be impacted by groundwater contamination from the release;
- D. Owners of offsite properties with buildings located above groundwater with measured contamination from volatile chemicals that poses a threat of indoor inhalation exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses;
- ~~E.D.~~ Owners and occupants of offsite/off-site properties with soil contamination posing a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or usesuse(s);
- F. Owners of offsite properties with measured soil gas contamination posing a threat of exposure above the appropriate Tier 1 remediation objectives for the current use or uses;
- ~~G.E.~~ Occupants of properties identified in paragraphs A, D, E, and ~~F~~ to the extent reasonably practicable. The CRP~~community relations plan~~ must include the methods by which the authorized party will attempt to identify the occupants;
- ~~H.F.~~ Officials of units of government serving the affected and potentially affected properties, including but not limited to federal and State legislators, county board chairpersons and county clerks, mayors or village presidents, city or village clerks, and environmental health administrators for State and county health departments. Officials of specialized districts (e.g. school, drainage, park districts) may be excluded from the contact list unless required pursuant to Section 1600.315(b)(2)(D)(i) through (b)(2)(D)(vii), or (b)(2)(D)(ix) Local, State and federal officials whose jurisdiction covers the affected and potentially affected properties including: mayor or village president, city or village clerk, township supervisors, county board chair and county clerk, city and county health department administrator; State and federal legislators; and
- ~~I.G.~~ Citizens, identified groups, organizations, or businesses within a minimum of 1,000 feet from the site where the release occurred that may have an interest in learning about affected and potentially affected properties (e.g., public and private school administrators, parent organization~~Parent Teacher Association~~ leaders; day care center, senior center and nursing home management; neighborhood or homeowner association or other community leaders as identified; hospital and

clinic management; and recognized environmental or citizen advisory groups). If approved by the Agency, the initial minimum distance of 1,000 feet may be expanded or contracted as the CRP and contact list are updated based on new information developed during the response action.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

I, John T. Therriault, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board, certify that the Board adopted the above order on February 19, 2015, by a vote of 4-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Therriault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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John T. Therriault, Clerk  
Illinois Pollution Control Board