R16-16, UST Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015)

On April 21, 2016, the Board adopted proposed amendments to its UST corrective action regulations for public comment. The proposed amendments are "identical in substance" (IIS) to federal UST amendments adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), but only to the extent they relate to corrective action requirements and are thus within the limited scope of the Board's UST IIS mandate. Most of the USEPA updates, which concern operation and maintenance requirements, deferred systems, and other subjects, fall outside that mandate. The few that do—*e.g.*, inclusion of previously deferred UST systems under the UST regulations, including corrective action—were incorporated in the Board's proposed amendments. In addition, the Board proposed to repeal the requirements for notification of UST activity because they are unrelated to corrective action. The Board expressly invited public comment from the Office of the State Fire Marshal and others on whether notification requirements are within the Board's UST IIS mandate.

Interested persons should submit comments on the proposed amendments to the Clerk of the Board, marking them with the docket number R16-16. For questions, contact Michael McCambridge, Staff Attorney, at 312-814-6924 or by e-mail: michael.mccambridge@illinois.gov