Board Extends Deadline for Completing RCRA Subtitle C and Subtitle D Rulemakings

On October 19, 2017, the Board adopted an order consolidating two identical-in-substance rulemakings and extending the Board's deadline for completing them. Both rulemakings concern recent amendments to federal regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA): Subtitle C hazardous waste regulations and Subtitle D Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (MSWLF) regulations. The federal rule changes resulted from actions taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency during the last half of 2016 and in August 2017. Among its actions, USEPA adopted the "Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule" (GIR), which extensively revised the federal standards applicable to hazardous waste generators. Based on the breadth of USEPA's actions, the Board found it necessary to extend the Board's deadline—to June 1, 2018—for filing final amendments to Illinois' rules. The Board plans to propose rule amendments for public comment on February 8, 2018. These consolidated Board rulemakings are captioned: RCRA Subtitle D (Municipal Solid Waste Landfill) Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016), docket R17-14; and RCRA Subtitle C Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and August 29, 2017), docket R17-15. Here is a link to the Board's order. For more information, please contact Jason James at 312-814-6929 or jason.james@illinois.gov.