

**ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD SENDS PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS FOR UNIVERSAL WASTE MANAGEMENT  
TO FIRST NOTICE**

On November 4, 2004, without commenting on the merits of the proposal, the Illinois Pollution Control Board sent to first notice a proposed rulemaking to amend the Board's rules governing the standards for universal waste management found at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703, 720, 721, 724, 725, 728, and 733. Specifically, the proposed rule would designate mercury switches, mercury relays, and scientific instruments and instructional equipment containing mercury added during their manufacture as universal waste.

Public Act 93-964, which became effective on August 20, 2004, required the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to propose the amendments to the universal waste standards within 60 days of the effective date of P.A. 93-964. The Board is required to adopt the rules within 180 days after receipt of the proposal; therefore the Board must adopt the rules on or before April 15, 2005.

Two hearings in this matter have been scheduled. The first hearing will be held in Chicago, on December 15, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the James R. Thompson Center, Room 8-033. The second hearing will be in Springfield on January 6, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the Training Room (1214 West), 1021 N. Grand Avenue East.

Anyone may file public comments on the first-notice amendments. The comment should contain the rulemaking caption and docket number (R05-8) and be sent to:

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