

Board Sends to First Notice a Proposal to Amend TACO Rules Used in Site Remediation Projects

The Illinois Pollution Control Board, on September 7, 2006, sent to first notice proposed amendments to the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO), docketed as In the Matter of: Proposed Amendments to Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (35 Ill. Adm. Code 742), R06-10. On September 30, 2005, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency filed proposed amendments to the TACO rules. The TACO rules are set forth in Part 742 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code 742).

Generally, the TACO rules provide methods for developing risk-based remediation objectives to be used in environmental contamination cleanups under several regulatory programs: Site Remediation Program (SRP), Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Permits and Closures.

The proposed first-notice amendments are primarily designed to update standards and improve procedures under TACO and make numerous corrections and clarifications. Changes include the addition of background soil levels for polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), newly applicable residential remediation objectives to protect construction workers, and enhanced flexibility in using ordinances for excluding the groundwater ingestion exposure pathway, as well as mandatory forms to be used for certain institutional controls. Publication of these proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will begin a 45-day public comment period.

Opinions and orders of the Board, hearing transcripts, and other documents in rulemaking records are posted on the Board's Web site and may be downloaded from the Web without charge. Hard copies may be obtained for \$.75 per page from the Clerk's office at 312-814-3629, or by writing to the Clerk's office:

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