

Board Proposes Rules for Drycleaner Continuing Education and Voluntary Disclosure of Noncompliance

In 2023, the Board adopted new rules (35 Ill. Adm. Code 1501) on licensing drycleaning facilities, overseeing their environmental insurance coverage, and administering State fund reimbursement for the costs of cleaning up drycleaning solvent releases. In that rulemaking (docket R21-19), the Board also opened a sub-docket (R21-19(A)) to further consider the issues of continuing education and compliance program requirements for owners and operators of active drycleaning facilities.

In the sub-docket, the Board issued an order on May 16, 2024, proposing amendments to Part 1501 for public comment. The amendments would provide that an owner or operator, to renew a license, must complete continuing education, subject to an exemption for qualifying owners and operators. The amendments would also specify the conditions under which an owner or operator—who voluntarily self-discloses noncompliance—qualifies for a penalty reduction. The period for public comment on the proposal closes June 17, 2024, at which point the Board will consider whether to proceed to public hearing.

The rulemaking sub-docket is captioned Drycleaner Environmental Response Trust Fund Act Proposal to Add 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1501, Repeal 35 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1500, and Repeal 2 Ill. Adm. Code Part 3100, R21-19(A). Here is a link to the Board's [order](#), which includes the proposed rule text. For more information, please contact Carlie Leoni at carlie.leoni@illinois.gov.