

Board Adopts “Identical-in-Substance” Amendments to Hazardous Waste Regulations

On June 20, 2024, the Board adopted amendments to keep Illinois’ hazardous waste regulations “identical in substance” to the federal regulations. The amendments reflect actions taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the second half of calendar years 2020 and 2021, as well as the first half of calendar year 2023. During these timeframes, USEPA updated its regulations for identifying ignitable hazardous waste, modernized test methods that currently require the use of mercury thermometers, harmonized its regulations on hazardous waste import-export recovery and disposal operations with new Canadian disposal code numbers and descriptions, and revised Method 23.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020), RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021), and RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023), dockets R21-13, R22-13, and R24-4. In all, the Board amended seven Parts of Title 35: Parts 705, 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, and 726 (35 Ill. Adm. Code 705, 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, 726). Here are links to the Board’s (1) [final order](#) and (2) [addendum](#), which includes the text of the adopted amendments. For more information, please contact Joan Beacom at 312-814-6924 or joan.beacom2@illinois.gov.