

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

On July 11, 2024, for public comment, the Board proposed amendments to keep Illinois’ hazardous waste regulations “identical in substance” to the federal regulations. The proposed amendments reflect actions taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in the second half of calendar year 2023. During this timeframe, USEPA made technical revisions to correct or clarify regulations adopted as part of the Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements rule, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste rule. USEPA also made other minor corrections, clarifications, and updates to its hazardous waste regulations.

In all, the Board proposed amendments to six Parts of Title 35: Parts 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, and 726 (35 Ill. Adm. Code 720, 721, 722, 724, 725, 726). The Board anticipates adopting final amendments in October 2024.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned RCRA Subtitle C Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023), docket R24-12. Here are links to the Board’s (1) [opinion and order](#) and (2) [addendum](#), which includes the text of the proposed amendments. For more information, please contact Joan Beacom at 312-814-6924 or joan.beacom2@illinois.gov.