

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
August 18, 2025

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS MEDICAL)	R 25-24
WASTE (PIMW),)	(Rulemaking – Land)
PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF)	
35 ILL. ADM. CODE 1422.APPENDIX A,)	
TABLE B – INDICATOR)	
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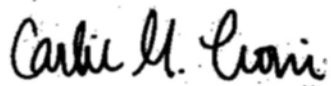
HEARING OFFICER ORDER

On March 20, 2025, BioSAFE Engineering (BioSAFE) proposed that the Board amend Part 1422 of its rules for potentially infectious medical waste (PIMW). On April 3, 2025, the Board accepted the proposal for hearing. The first hearing was held on June 26, 2025, and focused on BioSAFE's testimony. The second hearing is scheduled on August 21, 2025, and will focus on the other rulemaking participants' testimony. The deadline for pre-filed questions for the second hearing was August 14, 2025. Due to unavoidable circumstances outside the Board's control, the Board was unable to submit its questions by the August 14 pre-filed question deadline.

The Board and its Staff have reviewed the pre-filed testimony filed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Agency) in this matter, and submit with this order their questions to those witnesses, included as Attachment A. Anyone may file a comment, and anyone may respond to the attached questions, as well as any other pre-filed questions on the record. Responses to the attached questions may be given in-person at the hearing or in writing. Due to the shorter-than-anticipated time to review the attached questions before the hearing, at the participants' request, the Board will accept written responses after the hearing.

All filings in this proceeding will be available on the Board's website at <https://pcb.illinois.gov> in the rulemaking docket [R25-24](#). Unless the Board, hearing officer, Clerk, or procedural rules provide otherwise, all documents in this proceeding must be filed electronically through the [Clerk's Office On-Line](#). 35 Ill. Adm. Code 101.302(h), 101.1000(c), 101.Subpart J.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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ATTACHMENT A

R25-24

Amendments to Potentially Infectious Medical Waste (PIMW) Regulations Questions for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Questions on Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Pre-filed Testimony (PFT)

1. On page 3, the Agency proposes to amend 35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 1422.105(a)(4)(F) to specify that “operating parameters” include temperature and pressure for the treatment units.
 - a. In addition to the proposed inclusion of temperature and pressure, please comment on whether it would be acceptable to the Agency include residence time, chemical concentration, and irradiation dose in subsection (a)(4)(F) to be consistent with how “operating parameters” are described in other sections of Part 1422. See Sections 1422.122(c)(5)(D), 1422.124(f)(2), 1422.125(f)(2), and 1422.125(g)(2).
 - b. If not, explain the rationale for not including examples of operating parameters.
2. The Agency also proposes to add “temperature, pressure, residence time, chemical concentration, irradiation dose” as examples of “operating parameters” to Sections 1422.122(a)(4)(E), 1422.123(a)(3), 1422.123(c)(1), and 1422.127(e)(1). Agency PFT at 4.
 - a. Please comment on whether similar language should be added to Sections 1422.125(c)(2) and 1422.Appendix A(a)(2)(A) where the phrase “operating parameters” is used.
 - b. If not, explain the rationale for not including examples of operating parameters.
3. Instead of providing examples of “operating parameters” in each section of the rules where that phrase is used in Part 1422 (approximately 12 times), please comment on whether it would be acceptable to the Agency to add a definition of “operating parameters” under Section 1420.102 as follows:

“Operating parameters” means treatment parameters including temperature, pressure, residence time, chemical concentration, and irradiation dose.