1	BEFORE THE ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
2	IN THE MATTER OF:
	HOSPITAL/MEDICAL/INFECTIOUS) R99-10 WASTE INCINERATORS: ADOPTION) (Rulemaking - Air) OF 35 ILL. ADM. CODE 229.
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Mr. Anand Rao
13 ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT:
14 Mr. Kevin Greene
15 Ms. Bonnie Sawyer Mr. Joe C. Uy
16 Ms. Deborah Williams
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ALSO PRESENT 18
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HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Good afternoon. My

- 2 name is Catherine Glenn, and I am the hearing
- 3 officer in this proceeding.
- 4 I would like to welcome you to this
- 5 hearing held on behalf of the Illinois Pollution
- 6 Control Board, In the Matter of:
- 7 Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators:
- 8 Adoption of 35 Illinois Administrative Code 229.
- 9 Present today on behalf of the Illinois
- 10 Pollution Control Board and seated to my left is
- 11 Dr. Ronald Flemal, the board member coordinating
- 12 this rulemaking. To Dr. Flemal's left is board
- 13 member Elena Kezelis. To my right from our
- 14 technical unit is Anand Rao, and to Mr. Rao's right
- 15 is board member Kathleen Hennessey.
- In the back actually behind me at the
- 17 table, I have placed the notice and service list
- 18 sign-up sheets. If anybody here today would like to
- 19 be on the notice or service lists, please sign your
- 20 name on the sign-up sheets, and we'll see that the
- 21 appropriate documents come to you.
- Please keep in mind if you're on the
- 23 service list, you have the responsibility of serving
- 24 any filings that you file with the board to all of

- 1 the other members on the service list.
- 2 If you're on the notice list, you will
- 3 simply receive any hearing officer orders or board
- 4 orders and opinions in this matter.
- 5 Copies of the board's December 3rd, 1998,
- 6 proposed rule and copies of the hearing officer
- 7 order from December 4th are also located on the
- 8 table in the back.
- 9 On November 30th, 1998, the Illinois
- 10 Environmental Protection Agency filed this proposal
- 11 for rulemaking to create a new Part 229 to the
- 12 35 Illinois Administrative Code entitled
- 13 Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators.
- On December 3rd, 1998, the board adopted
- 15 for first notice the adoption of Part 229 as
- 16 proposed by the agency. This proposal was published
- 17 in the Illinois Register on December 28th, 1998, at
- 18 22 Ill. Reg. 22177. This proposal was filed
- 19 pursuant to Section 28.5 of the Environmental
- 20 Protection Act entitled Clean Air Act Rules:
- 21 Fastrack Procedures. Pursuant to the provisions of
- 22 that section, the board is required to proceed
- 23 within set timeframes toward the adoption of the
- 24 regulation.

- 1 As stated in the board's December 3rd,
- 2 1998, order, the board has no discretion to adjust
- 3 these timeframes under any circumstances. Further,
- 4 pursuant to section 28.5, the board has scheduled
- 5 three hearings, and as announced in the hearing
- 6 officer order dated December 4th of 1998, today's
- 7 hearing is confined to testimony by the agency
- 8 witnesses concerning the scope, applicability, and
- 9 basis of the rule.
- Also pursuant to 28.5, this hearing will
- 11 be continued on the record from day-to-day, if
- 12 necessary, until it is completed.
- 13 The second hearing, besides including
- 14 economic impact considerations in accord with Public
- 15 Act 90-489 effective January 1st of 1998, shall be
- 16 devoted to presentation of testimony, documents, and
- 17 comments by affected entities and all other
- 18 interested parties.
- 19 The third and final hearing will be held
- 20 only at the agency's request, and if the third
- 21 hearing is cancelled, all persons listed on the
- 22 notice list will be advised of such cancellation
- 23 through a hearing officer order.
- The second hearing is currently scheduled

- 1 for Wednesday, February 3rd of this year at 3:00 p.m.
- 2 in the hearing room of the Pollution Control Board's
- 3 Springfield office. It will be devoted to economic
- 4 impact considerations and presentation of testimony,
- 5 documents, and comments by affected entities and all
- 6 other interested parties. Prefiling deadlines are
- 7 in the December 4th, 1998, hearing officer order.
- 8 The third hearing is currently scheduled
- 9 for Thursday, February 11th of this year at 1:00 p.m.
- 10 in room 9-40 in the James R. Thompson Center. That
- 11 will be devoted solely to any agency response to the
- 12 materials submitted at the second hearing. The
- 13 third hearing will be cancelled if the agency
- 14 indicates to the board that it does not intend to
- 15 introduce any additional material.
- The hearing will be governed by the
- 17 board's procedural rules for regulatory proceedings.
- 18 All information which is relevant and not
- 19 repetitious or privileged will be admitted. All
- 20 witnesses will be sworn and subject to cross
- 21 questioning.
- Again, the purpose of today's hearing is
- 23 to allow the agency to present testimony in support
- 24 of the proposal and to allow questioning of the

- 1 agency.
- 2 The agency will present any testimony it may
- 3 have regarding its proposal. Subsequently, we will
- 4 allow for any questioning of the agency regarding
- 5 its testimony.
- 6 I prefer that during the question period,
- 7 all persons raise their hands prior to asking a
- 8 question. Wait for me to acknowledge you, and then
- 9 please introduce yourself and who you might be with
- 10 at that time.
- 11 Are there any questions regarding the
- 12 procedure we will follow today?
- Okay. At this time, I would like to ask
- 14 Board Member Flemal if he has anything else he would
- 15 like to add to my comments.
- 16 MR. FLEMAL: I would just like to welcome
- 17 everybody to this hearing, and that's it.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Very well.
- 19 At this time, I would ask the agency if it
- 20 would like to make an opening statement, and then we
- 21 will turn to the agency's presentation of its
- 22 proposal.
- 23 MS. SAWYER: Good afternoon. I'm Bonnie
- 24 Sawyer. I'm assistant counsel with the Illinois

- 1 Environmental Protection Agency.
- 2 The rule that is of concern in this
- 3 proceeding regulates hospital, medical, and
- 4 infectious waste incinerators. Specifically, the
- 5 rule establishes emission limits for particulate
- 6 matter, carbon monoxide, Dioxins and Furans,
- 7 hydrogen chloride, sulfur dioxide, oxides of
- 8 nitrogen, lead, cadmium, and mercury. The rule also
- 9 requires facilities that are affected by it to
- 10 conduct waste management planning activities.
- 11 This rule is federally required. Section
- 12 129 of the Clean Air Act requires USEPA to establish
- 13 guidelines for state regulation of existing hospital,
- 14 medical, and infectious waste incinerators. On
- 15 September 15th, 1997, USEPA promulgated an emissions
- 16 guideline for this source category.
- 17 The state of Illinois must submit a plan
- 18 to USEPA that meets the minimum requirements of the
- 19 federal emissions guideline. The rule under
- 20 consideration today meets these minimum elements.
- 21 Illinois must have a plan approved by
- 22 USEPA to avoid the imposition of a federal plan on
- 23 sources in Illinois by September 15th, 1999.
- 24 Today, the Illinois EPA has several

- 1 revisions that they would like to propose to the
- 2 rule. None of these revisions change the substance
- 3 of the rulemaking. I would just like to explain
- 4 them briefly, and then we will offer a written
- 5 document entitled a motion to amend the rulemaking
- 6 proposal that outlines the specific language that we
- 7 are requesting and also our rationale for this.
- 8 This document is available at the table behind the
- 9 hearing officer.
- First of all, the Illinois EPA would like
- 11 to amend certain procedures related to emissions
- 12 testing. This rule requires facilities to perform
- 13 emissions testing. The Illinois EPA requests that
- 14 the board add method 26A as a permissible method to
- 15 test for hydrogen chloride emissions.
- 16 The rule as currently drafted requires
- 17 these facilities to use method 26 to test for
- 18 hydrogen chloride. Method 26A is a more recently
- 19 promulgated USEPA method that is considered
- 20 equivalent to method 26. So the Illinois EPA
- 21 believes it is a good idea to add this rule -- this
- 22 method as another option for facilities when they're
- 23 conducting testing.
- 24 There is another amendment that we are

- 1 proposing that relates to testing. It's actually
- 2 the last one listed on this amendment on page 3.
- 3 The rule establishes protocols for emissions testing
- 4 and also establishes conditions that a source must
- 5 meet when they're performing the testing.
- 6 The Illinois EPA wants to make it clear
- 7 that these sources need to be tested during a period
- 8 that captures or is representative of maximum
- 9 emissions from the emissions unit, and that's what
- 10 this amendment is intended to do. It reads when
- 11 conducting a performance test for a HMIWI, the owner
- 12 or operator shall conduct testing during periods
- 13 that are inclusive of maximum emissions of the HMIWI
- 14 and not during periods of start-up, malfunction, or
- 15 shutdown.
- 16 The final amendment that we're requesting
- 17 the board make to the proposal today deals with
- 18 permitting requirements under the rule. Sources
- 19 that are subject to the emission limits under this
- 20 rule are required to obtain Clean Air Act permit
- 21 program permits. Section 229.120 specifies the date
- 22 that these subject sources must submit their
- 23 applications.
- 24 Subsection B was intended to capture

- 1 sources that were not previously required to submit
- 2 permits because they may have been a major source of
- 3 emissions but are only required to submit permits
- 4 based on their -- this particular regulation.
- 5 The rule as currently drafted specifies
- 6 that any HMIWI subject to the emission limits of
- 7 this part that is not required to obtain a CAPP
- 8 permit under section 39.5 of the act shall submit
- 9 their application by September 15th, 2,000.
- We propose to revise this provision
- 11 because it's not entirely accurate. Pursuant to
- 12 section 39.5 of the Illinois Environmental
- 13 Protection Act, sources that are subject to
- 14 regulation under section 111 are required to obtain
- 15 Clean Air Act permit programs, and this would
- 16 include the sources regulated pursuant to this
- 17 proposal. So we are just changing it to clarify
- 18 that that provision applies to sources that are
- 19 first required to obtain Clean Air Act permits
- 20 because of the promulgation of this rule.
- That's the final revision that we have for
- 22 you today.
- There is another matter that I would like
- 24 to raise that we've recently become aware of, and it

1 relates to the waste management planning provisions

- 2 of the rule.
- 3 As the rule is currently drafted, three
- 4 categories of sources are required to submit waste
- 5 management -- or to do waste management planning
- 6 activities. One is a hospital that operates an
- 7 incinerator. Another is a commercial facility that
- 8 accepts waste from -- off-site
- 9 hospital/medical/infectious waste from off-site
- 10 generators. And the third category is a hospital
- 11 that sends waste off-site for incineration.
- 12 The federal emissions guideline requires
- 13 all affected facilities to submit some form of a
- 14 waste management plan. There could be facilities
- 15 that are not hospitals but would be considered
- 16 affected facilities other than commercial facilities
- 17 such as potentially a veterinarian clinic could
- 18 operate an incinerator and may burn medical
- 19 infectious waste. The rule as currently drafted
- 20 would not require a plan from these facilities, so
- 21 we're a little concerned we may not be meeting the
- 22 minimum requirements of the federal guidelines in
- 23 this limited instance.
- We really just realized this recently, and

- 1 we're not prepared at this point to propose a
- 2 revision, but it's something that we're discussing
- 3 with USEPA, and there is a good possibility that we
- 4 will be proposing a revision to address this in the
- 5 future.
- 6 At this time, I would like to introduce
- 7 agency personnel that are in attendance at this
- 8 hearing. To my right is Deborah Williams. She is
- 9 an assistant counsel with the Illinois Environmental
- 10 Protection Agency. To my immediate left is Joe Uy.
- 11 He is an environmental protection engineer with the
- 12 office of air quality planning. Two over to my left
- 13 is Kevin Greene. He's the manager of the office of
- 14 pollution prevention.
- 15 Also in attendance in the audience is Jim
- 16 Jansen. He's also from the office of pollution
- 17 prevention at the Maywood regional office.
- The Illinois EPA has submitted testimony
- 19 from both Joe and Kevin. We prefiled written
- 20 testimony. They're here today to answer questions.
- 21 We would like to be as responsive as possible, and
- 22 in some instances, we may not be prepared to give
- 23 our best answer on the record today in which case we
- 24 would like to take the opportunity to supplement or

- 1 provide those answers in our written comments
- 2 following the hearing.
- 3 At this point, I would like to introduce
- 4 Joe Uy.
- 5 MR. UY: Good afternoon. My name is Joe Uy,
- 6 and I'm employed as an environmental protection
- 7 engineer in the air quality planning section in the
- 8 Bureau of Air of the Illinois Environmental
- 9 Protection Agency.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Mr. Uy, before we
- 11 continue, could we go ahead and swear everybody in?
- 12 MS. SAWYER: Sure.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Wonderful. Those of
- 14 you who will be answering questions or giving
- 15 testimony today, would you --
- MS. SAWYER: We'll just start with Joe and
- 17 Kevin.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Great. Okay. If we
- 19 can get them sworn in, we'll proceed.
- 20 (The witnesses were duly sworn.)
- 21 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Please proceed.
- 22 MR. UY: Yes. Good afternoon. My name is Joe
- 23 Uy, and I'm employed as an environmental protection
- 24 engineer in the air quality planning section of the

- 1 Bureau of Air at the Illinois Environmental
- 2 Protection Agency. I have been employed in this
- 3 capacity since November of 1991.
- 4 Prior to my employment with the agency, I
- 5 worked as a civil engineer for 12 years and was
- 6 involved in various civil and sanitary works design
- 7 and construction development projects.
- 8 My educational background includes a
- 9 bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from
- 10 the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Philippines.
- 11 As part of my regular duties in the air
- 12 quality planning section, I was involved with
- 13 preparing emissions estimates for various emission
- 14 source categories used in the development of the
- 15 1990 ozone season weekday emissions inventories,
- 16 evaluation of control technologies applicable to
- 17 volatile organic material emissions utilized in
- 18 preparation of the 15 percent Rate-of-Progress plans
- 19 for Chicago and the Metro-East St. Louis ozone
- 20 nonattainment areas, and assisting in the
- 21 development of regulations for the control of
- 22 volatile organic emissions from source categories
- 23 included in the 15 percent Rate-of-Progress plans.
- 24 Regarding the proposal before you today, I

- 1 have been involved in the development of the
- 2 hospital and medical/infectious waste incinerator
- 3 regulations and personally prepared the technical
- 4 support document for the proposal.
- 5 I just wanted to clarify table 73 of the
- 6 technical support document where it lists the
- 7 sources subject to the notification of exemption
- 8 reporting and recordkeeping requirement. We wanted
- 9 to clarify that if any of these facilities fit the
- 10 applicability criteria of the hospital and medical
- 11 waste incinerator, they're going to be subject to
- 12 the provisions of the proposal.
- 13 I'm now available to answer questions
- 14 regarding my prefiled testimony and the technical
- 15 support document.
- 16 MS. SAWYER: Madam Hearing Officer, may I take
- 17 a moment?
- 18 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Yes.
- 19 MS. SAWYER: I didn't explain that the agency
- 20 witnesses did prefile testimony, but they're not
- 21 really reading that testimony into the record.
- 22 We're going to offer it as an exhibit. They're just
- 23 giving a brief introduction to their involvement in
- 24 the proceeding.

- 1 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: And I believe there are
- 2 copies of the prefiled testimony for those of you
- 3 who are interested on the table behind us.
- 4 MS. SAWYER: Yes.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Thank you.
- 6 MS. SAWYER: We can go ahead with Kevin and
- 7 then ask -- accept questions for both of them
- 8 afterwards.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Okay. I would prefer
- 10 to do it that way if that would be all right with
- 11 you.
- 12 MS. SAWYER: Yes.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Okay. Mr. Greene.
- 14 MR. GREENE: Thank you. Good afternoon. My
- 15 name is Kevin Greene, and I'm manager of the
- 16 Illinois EPA's office of pollution prevention. Our
- 17 office -- well, actually, the mission of our office
- 18 is to work with industries and others to encourage
- 19 them to look for opportunities to reduce pollution
- 20 or eliminate pollution at the source rather than
- 21 trying to treat it or clean it up or control it
- 22 after the fact.
- We have a number of voluntary programs,
- 24 technical assistance programs, and special

- 1 recognition programs that we've developed over the
- 2 years to encourage industries to practice pollution
- 3 prevention, and one of our functions is to go out
- 4 and provide technical assistance to industries and
- 5 others.
- 6 We have several engineers on our staff,
- 7 including Jim Jansen, who's here today, that will go
- 8 out in the field, work with companies, go inside
- 9 their facilities, and do waste reduction assessments
- 10 and help them identify opportunities so they can
- 11 take advantage of more effective approaches to
- 12 dealing with some of their environmental problems.
- I have been with the agency for two and a
- 14 half years. Prior to joining the agency, I worked
- 15 for three environmental groups in a variety of
- 16 capacities. I did some lobbying down in our state
- 17 capital, did some community outreach on some solid
- 18 waste recycling incinerator issues, and was also
- 19 involved in regulatory issues before both the
- 20 Pollution Control Board and the Illinois EPA, as
- 21 well as USEPA primarily working on clean air
- 22 issues.
- I was involved in developing both the
- 24 waste management planning provisions of the proposed

1 rule, as well as the technical support document for

- 2 the waste management planning provisions.
- 3 I wanted to add one other item. Before we
- 4 did some additional outreach work in developing
- 5 waste management planning provisions, we actually
- 6 conveyed a small focus group consisting of
- 7 representatives from environmental groups, technical
- 8 assistance agencies, as well as the hospital
- 9 community to get feedback from them prior to
- 10 developing regulations and tried to reach some
- 11 consensus with them, and out of that evolved our
- 12 regulatory proposal that we took out for outreach to
- 13 the hospital community as part of the agency's
- 14 outreach efforts last summer.
- 15 The other thing I would like to point out
- 16 is our office has been collaborating with the
- 17 Illinois Waste Management Research Center in a
- 18 special outreach project to hospitals in the Chicago
- 19 area. We are -- we formed a team of individuals,
- 20 including myself, that is conducting waste reduction
- 21 assessment at hospitals, and we're putting a special
- 22 focus on mercury reduction. This is a project
- 23 that's actually being funded by the United States
- 24 Environmental Protection Agency, and we hope to do

- 1 waste reduction assessments at about 20 hospitals
- 2 this year, and we're going to expand that effort to
- 3 downstate hospitals hopefully over the next three
- 4 months.
- 5 Other than that, I'm available for any
- 6 questions that you might have.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Before we proceed with
- 8 the questioning, I would just like to introduce
- 9 another board member who came in so everyone is
- 10 aware. Marili McFawn, also a member of the board,
- 11 is present here today and may or may not be asking
- 12 questions. Thank you.
- 13 If anyone then would like to proceed with
- 14 questioning of our witnesses, please do so. If not,
- 15 I have a few questions.
- 16 MS. SAWYER: Also, I would like to offer their
- 17 testimony as an exhibit and also the motion to amend
- 18 the proposal as an exhibit.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Okay. Anyone object to
- 20 the admission of the two testimonies being admitted
- 21 or the motion to amend?
- Seeing no objections, I will enter the
- 23 testimony of Joe Uy as Exhibit Number 1, the
- 24 testimony of Kevin Greene as Exhibit Number 2, and

- 1 the motion to amend the rulemaking proposal as
- 2 Exhibit Number 3.
- 3 MR. RAO: I have a couple of questions for
- 4 Mr. Uy.
- 5 On page 5 of your testimony where you
- 6 discuss about the control requirements these
- 7 incinerators will be required to add on under the
- 8 rules, for the rural incinerators, you say that they
- 9 don't need to use add-on controls, but they can
- 10 achieve compliance through good combustion practices
- 11 and waste segregation. I realize that they have a
- 12 less stringent standard to meet, but could you
- 13 explain why they don't need add-on controls?
- MR. UY: First off, the standard for small
- 15 rural criteria is based on good combustion
- 16 practices, and the reason why USEPA has added this
- 17 particular category that would address small, rural
- 18 hospital medical waste incinerators is because they
- 19 feel that -- they believe that this type of facility
- 20 doesn't have as many alternatives in disposing their
- 21 hospital/medical/infectious waste, and therefore,
- 22 they have developed a less -- what would seem like
- 23 less stringent emissions standards compared to the
- 24 small urban, medium, and large hospital and medical

- 1 waste incinerators.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: It is our understanding

- 3 that currently only one rural HMIWI would be
- 4 affected by these regulations. Is that your
- 5 understanding as well?
- 6 MR. UY: Correct. There is only one -- we only
- 7 have identified one hospital that would fit the
- 8 small rural criteria.
- 9 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Do you know what
- 10 hospital that is?
- 11 MR. UY: I believe it's Memorial Hospital in
- 12 Carthage, Illinois.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Thank you.
- 14 MR. UY: If I may add, Carthage, Illinois, is
- 15 one of those areas that would fit the criteria for
- 16 the small rural criteria and the criteria being is
- 17 that the facility has to be more than 50 miles from
- 18 the standard metropolitan statistical area and
- 19 burning less than 2,000 pounds per week of
- 20 hospital/medical/infectious waste.
- 21 DR. FLEMAL: And you recognize only one such
- 22 incinerator at the present time?
- 23 MR. UY: Potentially because they may --
- 24 DR. FLEMAL: Is it because there is no other

- 1 incineration of hospital and infectious medical
- 2 waste in that area, or there are some incinerators
- 3 out there that for some other reason don't come
- 4 under this regulation?
- 5 MR. UY: Well, it's because the facility has an
- 6 incinerator and they're fitting -- they're located
- 7 more than 50 miles from a standard metropolitan
- 8 statistical area, and also they're burning less than
- 9 2,000 pounds per week of hospital and medical
- 10 infectious waste.
- 11 (Brief pause.)
- 12 DR. FLEMAL: Let me put that question maybe
- 13 just a slightly different way. What is currently
- 14 the disposition of the wastes that are generated
- 15 within these areas? They're not presumably being
- 16 incinerated? Is that the assumption we reach?
- 17 MR. UY: Well, if -- we're talking about the
- 18 rural -- excuse me.
- 19 (Brief pause.)
- MR. UY: The reason why we identified only one
- 21 hospital that -- because of the criteria -- the
- 22 specific criteria for small, rural hospital, medical
- 23 waste incinerators, and there is only one hospital
- 24 in that area that would fit that criteria.

- DR. FLEMAL: This actually is anticipating a
- 2 large area of questioning that I thought might be
- 3 useful to get into, and I don't know if it's
- 4 appropriate to try to finish up that thought here.
- 5 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Yes. Let's do that.
- 6 DR. FLEMAL: One, in sort of normal daily life,
- 7 runs into lots of generation of this kind of waste:
- 8 The hospital, your clinic, rural areas, veterinaries,
- 9 whatnot. Can you give us some sense of how this
- 10 waste is normally processed now, where its ultimate
- 11 disposition is, and in what cases this path into
- 12 incinerators is used? What are the circumstances
- 13 that cause that kind of pathway to become the
- 14 effective disposal method?
- MR. UY: In general, there are a lot of
- 16 facilities other than hospitals that can potentially
- 17 generate materials that would fall under the
- 18 classification of hospital and medical infectious
- 19 waste. Typically for these facilities that generate
- 20 medical infectious waste, what they do -- if they
- 21 have an incinerator on site, the means that they
- 22 would dispose of that medical infectious waste is
- 23 through incineration. But for those facilities that
- 24 doesn't have any incinerator on site, their option

- 1 is either to send their medical infectious waste to
- 2 a dis -- commercial disposal facility, and medical
- 3 infectious waste can be disposed in many ways like --
- 4 one of them is incineration. There are other
- 5 alternative disposal technologies available; for
- 6 example, autoclaving and macrowaving, and those are
- 7 the -- those are some of the options that facilities
- 8 that generate this medical infectious waste could
- 9 opt into.
- 10 DR. FLEMAL: I take it the small generators
- 11 almost always use one of these second options,
- 12 either autoclaving or some such method or bagging it
- 13 and sending it to somebody else who then actually
- 14 does the operation, but incineration on site is, for
- 15 most generators, not the method of disposal; is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 MR. UY: Yes. For some facilities, yes.
- 18 MR. GREENE: We've visited six hospitals so
- 19 far, and we've seen -- some of them have had
- 20 incinerators. Some of them have both an incinerator
- 21 and an autoclave on site. So some of their
- 22 infectious waste may go to an incinerator. Some may
- 23 go to the autoclave. We've been at facilities which
- 24 have neither, and it's being shipped off site. It

- 1 may go up to Wisconsin to an outfit called
- 2 Stericycle, and they are using macrowaves to
- 3 sterilize the material. It may be sent downstate to
- 4 a commercial incinerator operated by BFI. It may
- 5 be -- I don't think we've run into it yet, but it
- 6 may be sent to another hospital. They may be part
- 7 of a health care network. So we have seen a wide
- 8 variety of options utilized.
- 9 DR. FLEMAL: Do you have any sense of how many
- 10 hospitals do on-site incineration, what percent?
- MR. UY: Well, we sent the survey, and
- 12 unfortunately, the number of facilities that
- 13 responded to our survey is only about 42 percent of
- 14 what we have sent out, but 75 percent of those who
- 15 responded to our survey are hospitals.
- Right now, we have identified 98 hospitals
- 17 that are potentially going to be subject to the
- 18 provisions of the proposal.
- 19 DR. FLEMAL: But in the waste reduction
- 20 provisions, I take it that number applies not
- 21 necessarily in incineration provisions?
- MR. UY: Yes.
- DR. FLEMAL: So there are not 98 hospital
- 24 incinerators that you've identified?

- 1 MR. UY: Yes.
- 2 DR. FLEMAL: There are?
- 3 MR. UY: Yes, all over the state.
- 4 DR. FLEMAL: Okay. How about other types of
- 5 medical facilities, not hospitals, clinics, even
- 6 veterinary hospitals, what sort of incidence of
- 7 incinerators do you encounter there?
- 8 MR. UY: Just basing it on the results of the
- 9 survey, there are some veterinary clinics that have
- 10 responded that they -- that they have an on-site
- 11 incinerator for the type of waste that they're
- 12 generating in their clinics, and some of them --
- 13 well, a majority of them are -- the waste that
- 14 they're burning are pathological waste rather than
- 15 medical infectious waste.
- 16 DR. FLEMAL: So they would not come under this
- 17 regulation, at least in part, for that reason?
- 18 MR. UY: Yes. But we are not saying, you know,
- 19 that the rule would not cover some veterinary
- 20 clinics. If they fall within the applicability
- 21 criteria of the proposal, then they will be subject
- 22 to the provisions of the proposal.
- 23 DR. FLEMAL: I understand. I'm just trying to
- 24 get some sense of how many they are; hence, what

- 1 kind of impact that rule is going to have.
- 2 I have no idea, for example, whether the
- 3 veterinary clinic that I take our animals to
- 4 incinerates. I suspect probably not. I expect they
- 5 probably ship off site. But I'm just trying to get
- 6 some sense of what kind of -- down there in the
- 7 day-to-day life existence what this rule has an
- 8 effect on.
- 9 MR. UY: The thing is we didn't count how many
- 10 veterinary clinics. We just lumped the veterinary
- 11 clinics with other facilities that are
- 12 non-hospitals.
- 13 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: On that vein, Mr. Uy,
- 14 regarding the applicability section, you talk about
- 15 a cofired combustor is only subject to certain
- 16 provisions. I was wondering if you have any
- 17 statistics on how many hospitals use or have a
- 18 cofire -- or how many facilities have cofired
- 19 combustors, how often are we talking about
- 20 facilities that incinerate not only the infectious
- 21 waste but other things with fuels and that sort of
- 22 thing.
- 23 MR. UY: Technically, hospitals would not fit
- 24 the cofired combustors because everything that's

- 1 generated within the hospital facility are
- 2 considered hospital wastes.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Okay.
- 4 MR. UY: And so in that respect, there would be
- 5 no cofired combustors as far as hospitals are
- 6 concerned. The only instance where cofired
- 7 combustors criteria would apply is for those
- 8 facilities other than hospitals that may burn a
- 9 combination of wastes.
- By combination of wastes, I mean the
- 11 combustion -- the combusting of medical infectious
- 12 waste and other type of waste like -- other type of
- 13 waste that would not fit the medical infectious
- 14 definition.
- 15 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Right. Cofired
- 16 combustor is defined in today's proposal. I was
- 17 just trying to get a sense of how many there are of
- 18 those out there.
- 19 MR. UY: Unfortunately, we don't have that kind
- 20 of information currently.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: That's fine. If you
- 22 might -- if you are able to get it for us, that
- 23 would be appreciated. Otherwise --
- MS. SAWYER: We can look into it and see if we

- 1 could develop a number on that. I'm not really sure
- 2 if we could or not, but we can look into it.
- 3 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Thank you, Ms. Sawyer.

- 4 MR. RAO: Along the same lines, you mentioned
- 5 there are like 98 facilities which may have
- 6 incinerators on site. Could it be possible for you
- 7 to get some information as to how many facilities
- 8 would be affected by this rule in terms of
- 9 developing waste management plans and if those
- 10 facilities would ship off site?
- 11 MR. UY: In the technical support document, we
- 12 actually have a table, number 72, wherein we
- 13 identified the hospital sources which currently
- 14 doesn't have any on-site incinerator are shipping
- 15 their waste to a commercial disposal facility or
- 16 have other forms of alternative disposal
- 17 capabilities.
- MR. RAO: Does that table also include these
- 19 what's called veterinarian clinics that Dr. Flemal
- 20 was asking, or is that based on some other types of
- 21 facilities?
- MR. UY: Table 72 only refers to hospitals
- 23 without incinerator. The veterinary clinics would
- 24 fall on table 73.

- 1 MR. RAO: Okay.
- 2 MR. UY: We just want to clarify that
- 3 veterinary clinics, if they don't have any
- 4 incinerator on site and they send their waste to an
- 5 off-site disposal facility, they are not required to
- 6 submit a waste management plan.
- 7 MR. RAO: Okay.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Mr. Uy, I had a
- 9 question for you from your testimony.
- 10 You're very forthcoming with how today's
- 11 proposal for the most part is similar to the EG. My
- 12 question for you is you do point out two areas where
- 13 this proposal strays a little bit from the EG mainly
- 14 regarding the operator training and qualifications.
- 15 Do you know what I'm speaking about there? In that
- 16 one, you've changed the one-hour on call requirement
- 17 to on call during the operating of the actual
- 18 incinerator. I think that's a correct, all
- 19 encompassing statement there. That is the
- 20 difference in today's proposal that the operator --
- MR. UY: The difference between the emissions
- 22 guidelines and the proposal before the board today
- 23 is that -- and as far as the operator training is
- 24 concerned is that the proposal requires that a

- 1 trained operator must be present at all times as
- 2 opposed to the emissions guideline requirement of a
- 3 one-hour availability.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: At all times while the

- 5 incinerator is running?
- 6 MR. UY: While the incinerator is combusting
- 7 waste.
- 8 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: So we have that
- 9 difference.
- And then also you say that the agency's
- 11 proposal differs from the EG because the facilities
- 12 that are required to meet the waste management
- 13 planning requirements and in addition to the
- 14 hospitals operating the HMIWIs, the proposed rule
- 15 requires hospitals sending waste off site to an
- 16 HMIWI must develop and submit a waste management
- 17 plan?
- 18 MR. GREENE: Not develop and submit a waste
- 19 management plan but do an assessment of their
- 20 current activities and identify additional things
- 21 they could do to reduce the volume and toxicity of
- 22 waste sent off site. That assessment would not have
- 23 to be provided to the agency. So the requirements
- 24 for facilities shipping off site are less strenuous

- 1 than for facilities that are going to be burning
- 2 medical waste on site. They have to submit a plan
- 3 to us.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Okay. I think that is
- 5 a little different than what Mr. Uy's prefiled
- 6 testimony said.
- 7 MR. UY: I would defer to Kevin Greene's answer
- 8 because he is the person responsible for --
- 9 MR. GREENE: I'm sorry for the confusion.
- 10 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: That's okay. I just --
- 11 I do want to be clear that that was the intent.
- MR. GREENE: In our first draft that we took
- 13 out to the regulated community, there was a
- 14 requirement that facilities shipping off site submit
- 15 a plan to us, and we decided to change that
- 16 provision. They have to give us a report on their
- 17 activities each year.
- 18 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: The hospitals that are
- 19 shipping off site must submit a report. Is that in
- 20 keeping with the EG, or is that different?
- 21 MR. GREENE: It goes beyond.
- 22 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Okay. That being said,
- 23 then we have two somewhat different standards in
- 24 today's proposal from the EG. I was wondering if

- 1 you could respond to my question of how can we
- 2 accept the proposal under 28.5 when this isn't
- 3 identical to the EG and it goes beyond the EG.
- 4 MS. SAWYER: Could we respond to this question
- 5 in writing?
- 6 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Certainly, yes. Thank
- 7 you.
- 8 MS. SAWYER: Sure.
- 9 (Brief pause.)
- 10 MS. SAWYER: I can answer that just briefly.
- 11 The EG does provide that state plans can be more
- 12 stringent than the guidelines, and that is
- 13 specifically allowed for as an EG.
- MR. RAO: Does it say that the state plan can
- 15 be more stringent?
- 16 MS. SAWYER: Yes.
- MR. RAO: Or does it say that the scope can be
- 18 broadened? Because basically that's what they have
- 19 done here. The scope of regulations is broader.
- 20 MS. SAWYER: I would have to look at the actual
- 21 EG to tell you what the language is.
- MR. RAO: We just want to make sure that what
- 23 we are doing here is consistent with section 28.5
- 24 requirements.

- 1 DR. FLEMAL: Perhaps in further focus on that
- 2 issue, I think our concern is that we want to be on
- 3 the safe side of the very first provision that we
- 4 find in 28.5 of the act which says this section
- 5 shall apply solely to the adoption of rules required
- 6 to be adopted by the state, and we want to make sure
- 7 that everything that we're considering as provisions
- 8 within this 28.5 rule comport with that requirement,
- 9 and we would certainly like your perspective on --
- 10 MS. SAWYER: Okay. And I think we can expand
- 11 on that in written comments better than on the
- 12 record here. I mean, basically, I would say the EG
- 13 requires a state plan regulating these sources, and
- 14 the state plan has to meet minimum criteria. If the
- 15 state plan goes beyond that, it still is the state
- 16 plan to meet that federal requirement. I mean, that's
- 17 how I think it's viewed. So we can expand on that
- 18 in written comments.
- 19 DR. FLEMAL: Thank you.
- 20 MR. RAO: I have another question for Mr. Uy.
- 21 On page 6 where you discuss the amount of
- 22 emissions that are reduced when these rules are
- 23 implemented, and you refer to certain tonnage here
- 24 like -- I think you say the rules result in a total

- 1 reduction of 972 tons per year. What does this
- 2 tonnage represent?
- 3 MR. UY: The tonnage represents the amount of
- 4 emission reductions that will be realized through
- 5 the adoption of this proposal.
- 6 MR. RAO: No. What I'm asking now is how does
- 7 it relate to the pollutants themselves that are
- 8 regulated? Is this like a total tonnage?
- 9 MR. UY: It's the total emission reduction
- 10 considering all the pollutants that are coming out
- 11 of the stack from uncontrolled hospital and medical
- 12 waste incinerators.
- 13 MR. RAO: Okay.
- 14 DR. FLEMAL: Is there a breakdown in the record
- 15 somewhere that tells us what each of the various
- 16 components -- regulated components contribute to
- 17 that total?
- MR. UY: I believe there is. I think it's
- 19 submitted with the state --
- 20 MS. SAWYER: Right. There was --
- 21 DR. FLEMAL: It's the attachment?
- MS. SAWYER: -- the appendix and attachments
- 23 and statement of reasons, the second one,
- 24 appendix 2.

- 1 DR. FLEMAL: Thank you.
- 2 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: I had a question
- 3 regarding general applicability again. I don't
- 4 know, Mr. Uy, if you can answer this.
- 5 Part 229.110(a) -- I will give you a
- 6 chance to get there -- talks about the part applying
- 7 to the HMIWIs for which construction commenced. I
- 8 noticed in today's proposal there is no strict
- 9 definition of construction, and I was wondering if
- 10 the intent -- what the intent of that word was and
- 11 if we should maybe look towards defining that.
- 12 There is an Illinois Administrative Code definition,
- 13 but maybe the federal guidelines give us something
- 14 new.
- MS. SAWYER: I would like to take a look at
- 16 this and get back to you in writing on this. I
- 17 mean, there may be a definition under part 60 of the
- 18 federal rules that is important in defining what's
- 19 construction activities for purposes of this rule,
- 20 and I'm not sure how that compares with Illinois'
- 21 definition in the code. So if I could get back to
- 22 you on that....
- 23 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Yes. Thank you,
- 24 Ms. Sawyer.

- 1 MR. RAO: I have got a question on the rules,
- 2 section 229.170. I think it deals with operator
- 3 training and qualification requirements.
- 4 Under subsection B, there is a provision
- 5 which says that there is some kind of an examination
- 6 that -- an operator training examination that must
- 7 be administered in accordance with the requirements
- 8 of the section. Who will be administering this
- 9 examination?
- 10 MR. UY: The person who is going to be
- 11 administering the examination is the instructor of
- 12 the -- instructor of the training program, the
- 13 training program which contains the minimum criteria
- 14 set by the emission guidelines.
- 15 MR. RAO: So any individual can start a training
- 16 program as long as it meets the requirements of the
- 17 section? You know, is there any entity that is
- 18 responsible for conducting these training programs
- 19 and the exams and certifying these operators? It's
- 20 not the agency, right?
- 21 MR. UY: No. It's not the agency. But you're
- 22 right. Any entity would be able to conduct the
- 23 training as long as they meet the minimum criteria
- 24 as set by the emission guidelines.

- 1 MR. RAO: Okay.
- 2 DR. FLEMAL: I note in your comments in the
- 3 statement of reason regarding your communication
- 4 with interested parties, your outreach effort, that
- 5 one of the questions that was raised was how the
- 6 current proposed regulations would interface with
- 7 the existing board regulations for potentially
- 8 infectious medical wastes, the PMIW regulations. I
- 9 wonder if one of you could expand a little bit
- 10 further on that. And I'm particularly interested to
- 11 know whether there's a concern out there in the
- 12 regulated community that in having these two
- 13 separate sections, we're going to have either
- 14 confusion or problems with disparate regulations in
- 15 its complying with the two.
- MS. SAWYER: Could you give us just a moment?
- 17 DR. FLEMAL: Surely.
- 18 (Brief pause.)
- 19 MR. UY: The agency has an existing regulation
- 20 regarding potentially infectious medical waste, and
- 21 those are being administered by the Bureau of Land
- 22 of the agency. I think -- there is no confusion
- 23 because the PMIW, or the potentially infectious
- 24 medical waste definition, would identify those

- 1 materials that are -- that have the infectious
- 2 potential; whereas, the medical infectious waste
- 3 definition of this proposal is only -- it's not
- 4 defining what is medically infectious or not, but
- 5 it's defining the materials that would pull in an
- 6 incinerator that's combusting those type of wastes
- 7 in the proposal.
- 8 DR. FLEMAL: Let me give you an example.
- 9 Suppose I generate sharps as part of my medical or
- 10 veterinary, whatever, operation, dentist operation,
- 11 and I wonder what regulations apply to me in terms
- 12 of my ability to dispose of that. Where do I go?
- 13 Do I go here to 229, or do I go to 1400, or do I
- 14 have to go to both? And if I go to both, am I --
- 15 can I be assured that I won't find inconsistencies?
- MR. UY: The sharps --
- 17 (Brief pause.)
- MR. UY: I think it could be viewed this way.
- 19 If we're talking about sharps -- medical sharps,
- 20 waste generated in the veterinary clinic environment,
- 21 as far as the proposal is concerned, those sharps
- 22 are considered medical infectious. But then if the
- 23 veterinary clinic is not generating enough medical
- 24 infectious waste, they are considered -- those

- 1 veterinary clinics with on-site incinerators that
- 2 are burning this type of waste may be considered
- 3 cofired combustors and are exempt from the emission
- 4 standards of the rule, but they're subject to the
- 5 reporting requirements of the rule, the reason being
- 6 that we want to make sure that these type of
- 7 facilities are not combusting more than ten percent
- 8 of their waste as medical infectious waste.
- 9 DR. FLEMAL: I understand your purpose, and
- 10 your purpose has to do with an air purpose, but when
- 11 we have potentially infectious medical waste, we had
- 12 the land people then saying that their concern was
- 13 that we weren't landfilling those sharps without
- 14 some pretreatment. Both are admirable goals. The
- 15 question is the regulatory context: Do we have a
- 16 problem with having two separate views of what we --
- 17 how we ought to properly dispose of that waste,
- 18 sharp or whatever cultures, whatever it might be.
- 19 MR. GREENE: Let me try something. I may just
- 20 confuse you even more, but there are differences
- 21 between the definition of -- definitions under this
- 22 rule and the definitions under the rules defining --
- 23 under the state rules defining potential infectious
- 24 medical waste, and I sat down with somebody from the

- 1 Bureau of Land, and she pointed out a couple things.
- 2 In terms of sharps, if the sharps are
- 3 laboratory sharps and have no contact with
- 4 infectious agents, they would not be considered
- 5 potentially infectious medical waste. However, if
- 6 the hospital sends those sharps to an incinerator,
- 7 they're covered under the definition in this rule,
- 8 and therefore, that would -- this facility would be
- 9 regulated under this rule. The same thing would be
- 10 true with IV bags.
- Now, IV bags, if they're sent to an
- 12 incinerator, they're -- that incinerator would be
- 13 regulated under this rule, but if the IV bag only
- 14 contains IV solution or medications and it doesn't
- 15 include blood components, it's not potentially
- 16 infectious medical waste. So theoretically, the
- 17 hospital wouldn't have to send that material -- if
- 18 it's just an IV bag with IV solution or medications
- 19 in it, it wouldn't necessarily have to be sent to
- 20 the incinerator for treatment under the state
- 21 definition of potentially infectious medical waste.
- 22 But if the hospital does send that to the
- 23 incinerator, it's covered. That incinerator is
- 24 covered under this rule.

- 1 DR. FLEMAL: How about in waste reduction, is
- 2 it also covered independent of whether they intend
- 3 to send it to the incinerator?
- 4 MR. GREENE: It's a thing that they could
- 5 consider. There are some tubing and bags where you
- 6 could shift to reusable components. Those would
- 7 obviously have to be sterilized before they're
- 8 reused, but the hospital could think about that as a
- 9 waste reduction opportunity.
- We have discovered in the case of
- 11 blood-soaked items or caked items or drenched that
- 12 some hospitals -- if it's under the rules, if it's
- 13 just -- if the item is tainted with blood or spotted
- 14 with blood, it's not potentially infectious medical
- 15 waste. It can be disposed of in the regular
- 16 garbage.
- 17 However, some hospitals have more
- 18 conservative policies. It goes into the red bag,
- 19 the infectious red bag, and therefore, it would be
- 20 treated as infectious waste. And if it went to an
- 21 incinerator, under our rules, that incinerator would
- 22 be covered by the emission requirements. Some
- 23 hospitals will distinguish better than others.
- 24 So I may have confused you. I think

- 1 hospitals understand the distinction we're trying to
- 2 make.
- 3 DR. FLEMAL: I guess that's the kind of thing
- 4 that I'm looking for some comfort on. We see in our
- 5 business on a regular basis the regulating community
- 6 coming and saying everybody wants a bite of me.
- 7 It's this agency, it's that agency, they've all got
- 8 regulations, and sometimes the regulations come at
- 9 us this way. I think what we really want to make
- 10 sure is that intra-agency we don't do that same
- 11 thing; that we're not developing regulations here
- 12 and there that have some kind of basic
- 13 incompatibility and even if they don't have the
- 14 incompatibility that they have the impression of
- 15 being incompatible because you have to look in two
- 16 rather distinct parts of regulations to handle that
- 17 very same thing.
- I know when I go into my clinic, there's a
- 19 little box on the wall that has a biochemical
- 20 hazard. They prick my finger and get some blood,
- 21 that goes in there, the whole lot, but we developed
- 22 those regulations. I never tell the doctor that I'm
- 23 responsible in some small measure for him having to
- 24 go through all of that stuff. But are we doing some

1 more regulations to that same box now because it

- 2 might be incinerated or there's a potential for it
- 3 being incinerated?
- 4 MR. GREENE: Well, if it goes to an incinerator,
- 5 it's covered by these rules. In other words, it's
- 6 kind of --
- 7 DR. FLEMAL: You have to know beforehand how
- 8 you're going to dispose of the waste?
- 9 MR. GREENE: Exactly.
- 10 DR. FLEMAL: When you put it in the box, right?
- 11 MS. SAWYER: Can I take a moment to try to
- 12 respond to this? We're not, under this rule, telling
- 13 people how they can dispose of their waste in either
- 14 instance. You know, if they send it to a landfill
- 15 or incinerator, we're not telling them how they can
- 16 dispose of their waste. We're talking about the end
- 17 product if they elect to incinerate their waste.
- So essentially in terms of how this
- 19 coordinates with the PMIW rule, it really -- I mean,
- 20 they really work in tandem. Even though the
- 21 definitions are slightly different, they work in
- 22 tandem because now if a source incinerates their
- 23 waste, to address the potentially infectious medical
- 24 waste aspect of it, we'll be controlling the

- 1 emissions from that incinerator, so we'll be
- 2 protecting the environment on that front, as well as
- 3 on the land front.
- 4 DR. FLEMAL: So your intent of disposal method
- 5 really is the spot where you split off as to whether
- 6 you go to potentially infectious medical waste or
- 7 this Part 229?
- 8 MR. GREENE: I think USEPA also recognized that
- 9 not only do the -- sometimes these incinerators are
- 10 going to burn not only infectious waste, but they
- 11 may burn solid waste. I have been in hospitals -- I
- 12 have been in one hospital where they weren't doing
- 13 very good recycling. Their paper, cardboard, along
- 14 with their infectious waste was being sent to the
- 15 incinerator.
- 16 MS. KEZELIS: I have a question to follow-up
- 17 along those lines.
- The hospitals that you've visited, did you
- 19 meet with any of the infectious controls or
- 20 infectious committee folks designated at each of the
- 21 hospitals? Because that's how they determine where
- 22 the waste goes.
- 23 MR. GREENE: When we do our waste reduction
- 24 assessments, we try to meet with different people in

- 1 the hospital, including the people from the
- 2 infectious control department or with the nurses, to
- 3 get a feel for how they're being trained in defining
- 4 something as infectious or not and also looking at
- 5 their segregation procedures and things like that.
- 6 And normally when we -- we encourage hospitals to --
- 7 when they're developing their plans, we encourage
- 8 them to put a team together that will include
- 9 representatives from as many departments as possible,
- 10 including the infection control department, because
- 11 we know that's an issue. It's not just whether it
- 12 can be recycled or if it can be reduced. They have
- 13 to think about patient safety. They have to think
- 14 about infection control, as well as cost issues.
- 15 So we encourage kind of a team effort
- 16 because we know it's a more complicated facility
- 17 than, say, a typical industrial facility.
- 18 MS. KEZELIS: And so under this set of rules,
- 19 once the hospital, the site -- facility has
- 20 determined that this sheet, this bed sheet, actually
- 21 is drenched enough, it is infectious -- potentially
- 22 infectious, then the rule kicks in about what
- 23 happens then, or is it that the sheet has gone to an
- 24 incinerator?

- 1 MR. GREENE: Right. That's it.
- 2 MS. KEZELIS: All right. That was that last
- 3 step. There we go.
- 4 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Are there any other
- 5 questions?
- 6 DR. FLEMAL: I can't resist just throwing this
- 7 suggestion.
- 8 Assuming we go forward and we adopt 229,
- 9 let me pose a question. Is there anything we ought
- 10 to do then to go back and review our potentially
- 11 infectious waste regulations to bring them in
- 12 greater compatibility? Is there any need for
- 13 greater compatibility that would generate? No
- 14 answer necessary at this stop, but if you folks
- 15 would like to think about that --
- MS. SAWYER: We can consider that as well.
- 17 DR. FLEMAL: -- and share any opinions you have
- 18 on that with us later, that would be useful.
- 19 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Would the agency like
- 20 to put forth any other information regarding this
- 21 proposal today?
- MS. SAWYER: No. I think we're through.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Does anyone in the
- 24 audience have any questions of the agency regarding

- 1 today's proposal?
- 2 Seeing none, let's see. Again, I would
- 3 note that the second hearing that will be held in
- 4 this matter is scheduled for Wednesday, February
- 5 3rd, 1999, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the
- 6 board's hearing room at the Springfield office
- 7 located at 600 South Second Street in Springfield.
- 8 The third hearing is currently scheduled
- 9 for Thursday, February 11th, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. in
- 10 room 9-40 of the James R. Thompson Center.
- 11 I remind you that if the agency does not
- 12 request that third hearing and request that it be
- 13 cancelled, we will send notice to everybody on the
- 14 notice and service list that the third hearing has
- 15 indeed been cancelled.
- 16 And incidentally, the transcript from
- 17 today's proceedings will timely be put on the board's
- 18 web site, and the web site is www.IPCB.STATE.IL.US.
- 19 And I would like to remind the agency that
- 20 any matters that they agreed to address for the
- 21 board in the future that they will -- we will
- 22 answers those perhaps at the forefront of the second
- 23 hearing. So anything that you submit between now
- 24 and then or would like to address at the next

1 hearing regarding the questions raised today we will

- 2 address at the beginning of the second hearing.
- 3 MS. SAWYER: When will the transcript be
- 4 available from this hearing?
- 5 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: On the web site?
- 6 MS. SAWYER: Yes.
- 7 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: We're going to request
- 8 an expedited transcript today. We usually get those
- 9 within a week. We will try to get it on the board's
- 10 web site within two weeks from today, but I can call
- 11 you when I know it's there, if you'd like.
- MS. SAWYER: Where does that put us in relation
- 13 to the second hearing?
- 14 HEARING OFFICER GLENN: Oh. That's the hearing
- 15 date. That won't help us. We'll get you a copy
- 16 directly, Ms. Sawyer, when it comes out. You will
- 17 receive it promptly. But for the rest of you, I
- 18 guess it may not be available much before the second
- 19 hearing. If you'd like a copy, let me know, and I
- 20 will send it to you in the mail, though. You can
- 21 see me afterward.
- 22 Any other questions?
- Great. Well, thank you all very much for
- 24 coming today. I would like to thank the agency for

1 being very well prepared and giving us a good	
2 proposal to start with certainly. And thank you	
3 all, members of the public, also. See you in two	
4 weeks.	
5 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned	d
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