

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

On April 16, 2026, for public comment, the Board proposed amendments to keep Illinois’ hazardous waste regulations “identical in substance” to the federal regulations. The proposal reflects actions taken by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) during the second half of calendar year 2024. During this timeframe, among other things, USEPA (1) amended the hazardous waste manifest regulations to increase utility of the electronic manifest or “e-Manifest” system, (2) established alternative standards for specified ignitable spent refrigerants being recycled for reuse, and (3) adopted technical corrections to its 2016 Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule and 2019 Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule.

Publication of the Board’s proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register* will start a period of at least 45 days during which anyone may file a public comment with the Board. In July of this year, the Board expects to adopt final amendments.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024), docket R25-12. In all, the Board proposed amendments to 14 Parts of Title 35: Parts 702, 703, 705, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 733, 738, and 739 (35 Ill. Adm. Code 702, 703, 705, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 733, 738, 739). 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.