

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

On September 17, 2026, 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 year 2024 under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). USEPA took three main actions:

- First, on July 26, 2024, USEPA amended its hazardous waste manifest regulations to increase utility of the electronic manifest or “e-Manifest” system.
- Second, on October 11, 2024, USEPA established alternative standards for specified ignitable spent refrigerants being recycled for reuse.
- Third and finally, on December 11, 2024, USEPA adopted technical corrections to its 2016 Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule and 2019 Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule.

The Board’s rulemaking is captioned RCRA Subtitle C (Hazardous Waste) Update, USEPA Amendments (July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024), docket R25-12. Here are links to the Board’s (1) [opinion and 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.