

Board Accepts for Hearing a Proposal to Amend TACO Rules Used in Site Remediation Projects

The Illinois Pollution Control Board will consider proposed amendments to the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO). On September 30, 2005, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) filed proposed amendments to the TACO rules, which are set forth in Part 742 of Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code (35 Ill. Adm. Code 742). On October 20, 2005, the Board accepted for hearing the IEPA's proposal, docketed as In the Matter of: Proposed Amendments to Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (35 Ill. Adm. Code 742)(R06-10).

Generally, the TACO rules, which were adopted by the Board in 1997, are used at sites being remediated in the Site Remediation Program (SRP), in the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program, and under Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B Permits and Closures. The IEPA notes in its proposal that the TACO rules provide "procedures for developing remediation objectives based on various risks to human health posed by environmental conditions at a site," and that TACO has put "many sites back into productive use while significantly decreasing remediation costs statewide."

The Board has amended the TACO rules several times in the past for various reasons, such as when amendments were necessitated by new technology, science, and programmatic changes. The IEPA states that it has been compiling these most recent proposed revisions for the past five years. The IEPA describes the nature of its current proposal:

The proposed amendments range in content from comments from the regulated community to improve procedures to new standards established for various contaminants, updated test methods, and new toxicity criteria. The effect of the proposed amendments is to update and improve standards and procedures so that end users of the rules can achieve accurate data results that are protective of human health.

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