

ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD ADOPTS AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS FOR UNIVERSAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

On April 7, 2005, the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopted amendments to the Board's rules governing the standards for universal waste management found at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 703, 720, 721, 724, 725, 728, and 733. Specifically, the proposed rule, docketed as In the Matter of: Mercury Wastes Under PA 93-0964: Amendments to Standards for Universal Waste Management (35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 703, 720, 721, 724, 725, 728, and 733, (R05-8), would designate mercury switches, mercury relays, and scientific instruments and instructional equipment containing mercury added during their manufacture as universal waste.

Public Act 93-964, which became effective on August 20, 2004, required the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to propose the amendments to the universal waste standards within 60 days of the effective date of P.A. 93-964. The Board is required to adopt the rules within 180 days after receipt of the proposal; therefore the Board must adopt the rules on or before April 15, 2005.

The Board held two hearings in this matter. The first hearing was held in Chicago, on December 15, 2004. The second hearing was held in Springfield on January 6, 2005.

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