

Board Will Hold Additional Hearings to Further Consider Groundwater Monitoring for Clean Construction or Demolition Debris Fill Operations

On March 21, 2013, the Illinois Pollution Control Board, adopted an order directing additional hearings concerning groundwater monitoring for Clean Construction or Demolition Debris (CCDD) and Uncontaminated Soil Fill Operations be held. On August 23, 2013, the Board adopted amendments to the Board's rules allowing the use of CCDD and uncontaminated soil to be used as fill at quarries, mines and other excavations. Additionally, the Board opened a Subdocket B, at the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), to examine the issue of groundwater monitoring at CCDD or uncontaminated soil fill operations. The proposal is docketed as Proposed Amendments To Clean Construction Or Demolition Debris Fill Operations (CCDD): Proposed Amendments To 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1100, R12-9(B).

On September 21, 2012, a hearing officer order sought comment from any interested person on whether the Board should require groundwater monitoring at CCDD and uncontaminated soil fill facilities. The hearing officer allowed for comments to be filed until December 1, 2012.

The Board reviewed those comments and believes that additional hearings are necessary on the issue of groundwater monitoring. While the comments provided some suggestions that the Board will explore at hearing, many questions regarding groundwater monitoring remain. The Board directs the hearing officer to schedule hearings and provide participants with questions to be addressed by participants at hearing.

As a basis for additional comments regarding groundwater monitoring and how such a program might be implemented, the Board provides the language for groundwater monitoring proposed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The proposed language can be found through the Clerk's Office On-Line on the Board's website at www.ipcb.state.il.us.

Public comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Board. Public comments may be filed at the following address:

Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, IL 60601

In addition, public comments may be filed electronically through COOL at www.ipcb.state.il.us. Any questions about electronic filing through COOL should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (312) 814-3629.

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