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SPCC Rule Amendments Further Delayed

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is delaying the effective date of the final rule that amends the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations published in the Federal Register on Dec. 5th, 2008.

The amendments, originally delayed until April 4th, 2009, have now been further delayed and will not take effect until **January 14, 2010**.

The revised rules finalized in December 2008 are intended to clarify, tailor, and

streamline certain requirements for facility owners or operators who are required to prepare and implement a SPCC Plan.

Those subjected to the SPCC rule include owners and operators of non-transportation related facilities that drill, produce, process, refine, transfer, distribute, use, or consume oil or oil products and could reasonably be expected to discharge oil to US navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. A notable exception to this rule are wastewater treatment facilities.

Additionally, to allow for full public debate, the EPA has opened the regulation's amendments up to public comment. To comment, visit www.regulations.gov.

It is important to note that neither this extension, nor the December amendments, do not remove any regulatory requirements already in place for SPCC compliance. The current compliance date for SPCC is July 1, 2009.

If you have any questions on SPCC or how these amendments may impact you, contact Steve Sawyer at (773) 486-2123.

Clean Air Permits Due May 1st

The Clean Air Act requires annual certification of compliance for air permits by **May 1st** each year.

Several companies in Illinois face heavy fines for their failure to submit emissions reports to the Illinois EPA. Under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP), businesses are required to submit their emissions results each year by May 1st in the form of Annual Emission Reports (AER).



CAAPP permits require submission of the Annual Emissions Report as well as a CAAPP Annual Certification, Form 401-CAAPP. This form must be used for compliance certification and updated on at least an annual basis. All emission units are included on this form indicating their state of compliance.

Failure to submit these air permit certifications by May 1st, 2009 may result in penalties as prescribed in Section 42 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act.

How Can Gabriel Help?

Contact Brigid McHale at 773-486-2123 for assistance with your CAAPP reporting or with any questions. Call today and save money tomorrow.

Free Reusable Canvas Bag!



According to the EPA, **380 billion** plastic sacks are consumed in the U.S. every year.

Only approximately 1-3% of all plastic bags are recycled. Every year, billions of bags are thrown away, creating serious environmental hazards.

But to many, the real surprise is learning that using paper bags may not be any more environmentally friendly!

Research has shown paper bags not only require around 5 times as much energy to produce than their plastic bag counterparts, but also can require nearly 84 times the amount of energy to recycle!

If you are interested in receiving an absolutely **FREE** reusable grocery bag, please email epolich@gabrielenvironmental.com

ACHMM Changes Name

In December 2008, the ACHMM membership voted to change the name of the organization to the **Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP)**.

The new brand identity comprises the new organizational name, a modern logo, and a tagline: "Global leadership for a sustainable future™".

Chicago Climate Action Plan Take the \$800 Challenge Today

Mayor Daley announced the city's plan in September 2008 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to **25% below 1990 levels by 2020**. Chicago's proposal to reduce greenhouse gases is the first in the nation to identify both emission sources and anticipated impacts, as well as propose ideas that specifically respond to that research.

The **Chicago Climate Action Plan** outlines 26 different actions which might be taken together to curb greenhouse gases in five strategic areas: buildings, transportation, clean and renewable energy, waste and industrial pollution, and adaptation. Thousands of small changes in each of these sectors, when implemented throughout the whole city, will add up to big impacts.

As a long-term project, the Chicago Climate Action Plan will be evaluated and revised as necessary over time in order to allow for ac-

commodation of new technologies, laws, and opportunities as they evolve.

Interested in how you or your business can get involved in this project? Visit the CCAP website at www.chicagoclimateaction.org. Get started today by taking the \$800 Savings Challenge, a checklist of simple, low or no-cost actions that reduce emissions while saving money. Each and every person can make a difference.

Gabriel offers services to help your home or office become more energy-efficient (and save money doing so!). To learn more about how Gabriel may help you or your business, contact John Polich at (773) 486-2123.

**CHICAGO CLIMATE
ACTION PLAN**

Companies Pay \$600,000 for Groundwater Contamination

Precision Brand Products, based out of Downers Grove, IL, as well as 20 other defendants were ordered in January to pay \$600,000 to the Hazardous Waste Fund for contamination of groundwater beneath the Ellsworth Industrial Park.



Initially, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) incurred costs during early stages of investigation and remediation of the site. The US EPA soon became involved and entered into an AOC and SAO with a number of the de-

fendants regarding payment for connecting local residents to a clean public water supply, as well as further investigation and remediation of the contaminated area and groundwater.

On January 21, 2009, the IEPA entered into a settlement with the 21 defendants resulting in a full settlement of \$600,000 towards the State's past response costs in the case.

Neglecting contamination clean up or groundwater treatment can be extremely costly to your company. Gabriel has more than 35 years of experience dealing with the IEPA and MWRD. To learn more about how Gabriel can help your company, contact John Polich at (773) 486-2123.

Beware: Recent OSHA Scam

OSHA officers are warning consumers to be cautious of a new scam wherein businesses are informed they must purchase a subscription to Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS).

If the businesses refuse, they are informed their current sheets are not in order and they will be reported to OSHA.

If you come into contact with this scam, please contact your local OSHA office as soon as possible. You can look up your local office by visiting their website:

www.osha.gov

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