**Section 725.297 Closure and Post-Closure Care**

a) At closure of a tank system, the owner or operator must remove or decontaminate all waste residues, contaminated containment system components (liners, etc.), contaminated soils and structures and equipment contaminated with waste, and manage them as hazardous waste, unless 35 Ill. Adm. Code 721.103(d) applies. The closure plan, closure activities, cost estimates for closure, and financial responsibility for tank systems must meet all of the requirements specified in Subparts G and H.

b) If the owner or operator demonstrates that not all contaminated soils can be practicably removed or decontaminated as required in subsection (a), then the owner or operator must close the tank system and perform post-closure care in accordance with the closure and post-closure care requirements that apply to landfills (Section 725.410). In addition, for the purposes of closure, post-closure and financial responsibility, such a tank system is then considered to be a landfill, and the owner or operator must meet all of the requirements of landfills specified in Subparts G and H.

c) If an owner or operator has a tank system that does not have secondary containment that meets the requirements of Section 725.293(b) through (f), and which is not exempt from the secondary containment requirements in accordance with Section 725.293(g), then the following requirements apply:

1) The closure plan for the tank system must include both a plan for complying with subsection (a), and a contingent plan for complying with subsection (b);

2) A contingent post-closure plan for complying with subsection (b) must be prepared and submitted as part of the permit application;

3) The cost estimates calculated for closure and post-closure care must reflect the costs of complying with the contingent closure plan and the contingent post-closure plan, if these costs are greater than the costs of complying with the closure plan prepared for the expected closure under subsection (a);

4) Financial assurance must be based on the cost estimates in subsection (c)(3); and

5) For the purposes of the contingent closure and post-closure plans, such a tank system is considered to be a landfill, and the contingent plans must meet all of the closure, post-closure care, and financial responsibility requirements for landfills under Subparts G and H.

(Source: Amended at 42 Ill. Reg. 23725, effective November 19, 2018)