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1	AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1831
2	AMENDMENT NO Amend House Bill 1831 by replacing
3	everything after the enacting clause with the following:
4 5	"Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by changing Section 57.7 as follows:
6	(415 ILCS 5/57.7)
7	Sec. 57.7. Leaking underground storage tanks; site
8	investigation and corrective action.
9	(a) Site investigation.
10	(1) For any site investigation activities required by
11	statute or rule, the owner or operator shall submit to the
12	Agency for approval a site investigation plan designed to
13	determine the nature, concentration, direction of
14	movement, rate of movement, and extent of the
15	contamination as well as the significant physical features
16	of the site and surrounding area that may affect

contaminant transport and risk to human health and safety
 and the environment.

3 (2) Any owner or operator intending to seek payment 4 from the Fund shall submit to the Agency for approval a 5 site investigation budget that includes, but is not 6 limited to, an accounting of all costs associated with the 7 implementation and completion of the site investigation 8 plan.

9 (3) Remediation objectives for the applicable 10 indicator contaminants shall be determined using the 11 tiered approach to corrective action objectives rules adopted by the Board pursuant to this Title and Title XVII 12 13 of this Act. For the purposes of this Title, "Contaminant of Concern" or "Regulated Substance of Concern" in the 14 15 rules means the applicable indicator contaminants set 16 forth in subsection (d) of this Section and the rules 17 adopted thereunder.

(4) Upon the Agency's approval of a site investigation
plan, or as otherwise directed by the Agency, the owner or
operator shall conduct a site investigation in accordance
with the plan.

(5) Within 30 days after completing the site
investigation, the owner or operator shall submit to the
Agency for approval a site investigation completion
report. At a minimum the report shall include all of the
following:

(A) Executive summary. 1 2 (B) Site history. 3 (C) Site-specific sampling methods and results. (D) Documentation of all field activities, 4 5 including guality assurance. (E) Documentation regarding the development of 6 7 proposed remediation objectives. 8 (F) Interpretation of results. 9 (G) Conclusions. 10 (b) Corrective action. 11 (1) If the site investigation confirms none of the applicable indicator contaminants exceed the proposed 12 13 remediation objectives, within 30 days after completing 14 the site investigation the owner or operator shall submit 15 to the Agency for approval a corrective action completion 16 report in accordance with this Section. 17 (2) If any of the applicable indicator contaminants 18 exceed the remediation objectives approved for the site, 19 within 30 days after the Agency approves the site 20 investigation completion report the owner or operator 21 shall submit to the Agency for approval a corrective 22 action plan designed to mitigate any threat to human 23 health, human safety, or the environment resulting from

the underground storage tank release. The plan shall describe the selected remedy and evaluate its ability and effectiveness to achieve the remediation objectives

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applicable

1 approved for the site. At a minimum, the report shall include all of the following: 2 3 (A) Executive summary. (B) Statement of remediation objectives. 4 5 (C) Remedial technologies selected. (D) Confirmation sampling plan. 6 (E) Current and projected future use of the 7 8 property. 9 (F) Applicable preventive, engineering, and 10 institutional controls including long-term 11 reliability, operating, and maintenance plans, and monitoring procedures. 12 13 (G) A schedule for implementation and completion 14 of the plan. 15 (3) Any owner or operator intending to seek payment 16 from the Fund shall submit to the Agency for approval a corrective action budget that includes, but is not limited 17 to, an accounting of all costs associated with the 18 19 implementation and completion of the corrective action 20 plan. (4) Upon the Agency's approval of a corrective action 21 22 plan, or as otherwise directed by the Agency, the owner or 23 operator shall proceed with corrective action in 24 accordance with the plan. 25 (5) Within 30 days after the completion of a

corrective action plan that achieves

remediation objectives the owner or operator shall submit to the Agency for approval a corrective action completion report. The report shall demonstrate whether corrective action was completed in accordance with the approved corrective action plan and whether the remediation objectives approved for the site, as well as any other requirements of the plan, have been achieved.

8 (6) If within 4 years after the approval of any 9 corrective action plan the applicable remediation 10 objectives have not been achieved and the owner or 11 operator has not submitted a corrective action completion 12 report, the owner or operator must submit a status report 13 for Agency review. The status report must include, but is 14 not limited to, a description of the remediation 15 activities taken to date, the effectiveness of the method of remediation being used, the likelihood of meeting the 16 17 applicable remediation objectives using the current method of remediation, and the date the applicable remediation 18 19 objectives are expected to be achieved.

(7) If the Agency determines any approved corrective action plan will not achieve applicable remediation objectives within a reasonable time, based upon the method of remediation and site specific circumstances, the Agency may require the owner or operator to submit to the Agency for approval a revised corrective action plan. If the owner or operator intends to seek payment from the Fund, 1

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the owner or operator must also submit a revised budget.

(c) Agency review and approval.

(1) Agency approval of any plan and associated budget,
as described in this subsection (c), shall be considered
final approval for purposes of seeking and obtaining
payment from the Underground Storage Tank Fund if the
costs associated with the completion of any such plan are
less than or equal to the amounts approved in such budget.

9 (2)In the event the Agency fails to approve, 10 disapprove, or modify any plan or report submitted 11 pursuant to this Title in writing within 120 days of the receipt by the Agency, the plan or report shall be 12 13 considered to be rejected by operation of law for purposes 14 of this Title and rejected for purposes of payment from 15 the Underground Storage Tank Fund.

16 (A) For purposes of those plans as identified in 17 paragraph (5) of this subsection (c), the Agency's review may be an audit procedure. Such review or audit 18 shall be consistent with the procedure for such review 19 20 or audit as promulgated by the Board under Section 21 57.14. The Agency has the authority to establish an 22 auditing program to verify compliance of such plans 23 with the provisions of this Title.

(B) For purposes of corrective action plans
submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section
for which payment from the Fund is not being sought,

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the Agency need not take action on such plan until 120 1 it receives the 2 davs after corrective action 3 completion report required under subsection (b) of this Section. In the event the Agency approved the 4 5 plan, it shall proceed under the provisions of this subsection (c). 6

7 (3) In approving any plan submitted pursuant to 8 subsection (a) or (b) of this Section, the Agency shall 9 determine, by a procedure promulgated by the Board under 10 Section 57.14, that the costs associated with the plan are reasonable, will be incurred in the performance of site 11 investigation or corrective action, and will not be used 12 13 for site investigation or corrective action activities in 14 excess of those required to meet the minimum requirements 15 of this Title. The Agency shall also determine, pursuant Project Labor Agreements Act, 16 the whether the to corrective action shall include a project labor agreement 17 if payment from the Underground Storage Tank Fund is to be 18 19 requested.

20 (A) For purposes of payment from the Fund, 21 corrective action activities required to meet the 22 minimum requirements of this Title shall include, but 23 not be limited to, the following use of the Board's 24 Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives rules 25 adopted under Title XVII of this Act:

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(i) For the site where the release occurred,

the use of Tier 2 remediation objectives that are 1 more stringent than Tier 1 remediation 2 no 3 objectives. 4 (ii) The use of industrial/commercial property 5 remediation objectives, unless the owner or operator demonstrates that the property being 6 7 remediated is residential property or being 8 developed into residential property. (iii) The use of groundwater ordinances as 9 10 institutional controls in accordance with Board 11 rules. The use of on-site groundwater 12 (iv) use restrictions 13 as institutional controls in accordance with Board rules. 14 15 (B) Any bidding process adopted under Board rules 16 to determine the reasonableness of costs of corrective 17 action must provide for a publicly-noticed,

19 at a minimum, the following:

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20 (i) The owner or operator must issue 21 invitations for bids that include, at a minimum, a 22 description of the work being bid and applicable contractual terms and conditions. The criteria on 23 24 which the bids will be evaluated must be set forth 25 in the invitation for bids. The criteria may 26 include, but shall not be limited to, criteria for

competitive, and sealed bidding process that includes,

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determining acceptability, such as inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Criteria that will affect the bid price and be considered in the evaluation of a bid, such as discounts, shall be objectively measurable.

7 (ii) At least 14 days prior to the date set in 8 the invitation for the opening of bids, public 9 notice of the invitation for bids must be 10 published in a local paper of general circulation 11 for the area in which the site is located <u>or on an</u> 12 <u>electronic procurement website</u>.

13 (iii) Bids must be opened publicly in the 14 presence of one or more witnesses at the time and 15 place designated in the invitation for bids. The 16 name of each bidder, the amount of each bid, and other relevant information as specified in Board 17 18 rules must be recorded and submitted to the Agency 19 in the applicable budget. After selection of the 20 winning bid, the winning bid and the record of 21 each unsuccessful bid shall be open to public 22 inspection.

(iv) Bids must be unconditionally accepted
without alteration or correction. Bids must be
evaluated based on the requirements set forth in
the invitation for bids, which may include

criteria for determining acceptability, such as 1 2 inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, 3 delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Criteria that will affect the bid price 4 5 and be considered in the evaluation of a bid, such as discounts, shall be objectively measurable. The 6 invitation for bids shall set forth the evaluation 7 8 criteria to be used.

9 (v) Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently 10 erroneous bids before or after selection of the 11 winning bid, or cancellation of winning bids based on bid mistakes, shall be allowed in accordance 12 13 with Board rules. After bid opening, no changes in 14 bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial 15 to the owner or operator or fair competition shall 16 be allowed. All decisions to allow the correction or withdrawal of bids based on bid mistakes shall 17 be supported by a written determination made by 18 19 the owner or operator.

(vi) The owner or operator shall select the 20 21 winning bid with reasonable promptness by written 22 notice to the lowest responsible and responsive 23 bidder whose bid meets the requirements and 24 criteria set forth in the invitation for bids. The 25 winning bid and other relevant information as 26 specified in Board rules must be recorded and

submitted to the Agency in the applicable budget. 1 (vii) All bidding documentation 2 must be 3 retained by the owner or operator for a minimum of 4 3 years after the costs bid are submitted in an 5 application for payment, except that documentation relating to an appeal, litigation, or other 6 7 disputed claim must be maintained until at least 3 8 years after the date of the final disposition of 9 the appeal, litigation, or other disputed claim. 10 All bidding documentation must be made available 11 to the Agency for inspection and copying during normal business hours. 12

13 (C) Any bidding process adopted under Board rules 14 to determine the reasonableness of costs of corrective 15 action shall (i) be optional and (ii) allow bidding 16 only if the owner or operator demonstrates that 17 corrective action cannot be performed for amounts less 18 than or equal to maximum payment amounts adopted by 19 the Board.

(4) For any plan or report received after June 24, 2002, any action by the Agency to disapprove or modify a plan submitted pursuant to this Title shall be provided to the owner or operator in writing within 120 days of the receipt by the Agency or, in the case of a site investigation plan or corrective action plan for which payment is not being sought, within 120 days of receipt of 10300HB1831ham001

1 the site investigation completion report or corrective 2 action completion report, respectively, and shall be 3 accompanied by:

4 (A) an explanation of the Sections of this Act
5 which may be violated if the plans were approved;

6 (B) an explanation of the provisions of the 7 regulations, promulgated under this Act, which may be 8 violated if the plan were approved;

9 (C) an explanation of the specific type of 10 information, if any, which the Agency deems the 11 applicant did not provide the Agency; and

(D) a statement of specific reasons why the Act
and the regulations might not be met if the plan were
approved.

15 Any action by the Agency to disapprove or modify a 16 plan or report or the rejection of any plan or report by operation of law shall be subject to appeal to the Board in 17 accordance with the procedures of Section 40. If the owner 18 19 or operator elects to incorporate modifications required 20 by the Agency rather than appeal, an amended plan shall be 21 submitted to the Agency within 35 days of receipt of the 22 Agency's written notification.

(5) For purposes of this Title, the term "plan" shallinclude:

(A) Any site investigation plan submitted pursuant
to subsection (a) of this Section;

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(B) Any site investigation budget submittedpursuant to subsection (a) of this Section;

3 (C) Any corrective action plan submitted pursuant
4 to subsection (b) of this Section; or

5 (D) Any corrective action plan budget submitted
6 pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section.

(d) For purposes of this Title, the term "indicator 7 8 contaminant" shall mean, unless and until the Board 9 promulgates regulations to the contrary, the following: (i) if 10 an underground storage tank contains gasoline, the indicator 11 parameter shall be BTEX and Benzene; (ii) if the tank contained petroleum products consisting of middle distillate 12 heavy ends, then the indicator parameter shall 13 or be 14 determined by a scan of PNA's taken from the location where 15 contamination is most likely to be present; and (iii) if the 16 tank contained used oil, then the indicator contaminant shall be those chemical constituents which indicate the type of 17 18 petroleum stored in an underground storage tank. All 19 references in this Title to groundwater objectives shall mean 20 Class I groundwater standards or objectives as applicable.

21 (e) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, an 22 owner or operator may proceed to conduct site 23 investigation or corrective action prior to the submittal 24 or approval of an otherwise required plan. If the owner or 25 operator elects to so proceed, an applicable plan shall be 26 filed with the Agency at any time. Such plan shall detail 10300HB1831ham001 -14- LRB103 28077 LNS 58013 a

1 to determine the steps taken the type of site investigation or corrective action which was necessary at 2 3 the site along with the site investigation or corrective 4 action taken or to be taken, in addition to costs 5 associated with activities to date and anticipated costs.

(2) Upon receipt of a plan submitted after activities 6 have commenced at a site, the Agency shall proceed to 7 8 review in the same manner as required under this Title. In 9 the event the Agency disapproves all or part of the costs, 10 the owner or operator may appeal such decision to the 11 Board. The owner or operator shall not be eligible to be reimbursed for such disapproved costs unless and until the 12 Board determines that such costs were eligible for 13 14 payment.

(f) All investigations, plans, and reports conducted or prepared under this Section shall be conducted or prepared under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer and in accordance with the requirements of this Title.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-109, eff. 7-25-13.)".