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AN ACT in relation to environmental safety.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended
5 by changing Section 22.3 as follows:

6 (415 ILCS 5/22.3) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1022.3)

Sec. 22.3. <u>Post-closure responsibility.</u> 7 The owner and 8 operator of a hazardous waste disposal site shall, without limitation, be responsible for the site for a period of 20 9 years after closure of the site, or such longer period of 10 time as required by the federal Resource Conservation and 11 Recovery Act of 1976, P.L. 94-580, or regulations issued 12 13 thereunder, or by Board regulation adopted pursuant to subsection 22(a) or (f) of this Act. The owner and operator 14 shall monitor such site for gas migration, drainage problems, 15 16 erosion, settling, ground and surface water pollution and other environmental and safety problems which occur, and 17 18 shall take whatever remedial action is necessary to solve any such problems which occur at the site during the period of 19 20 responsibility. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit 21 22 any duties or liabilities imposed on an owner or operator of a solid waste disposal site pursuant to this Act or 23 regulations thereunder or arising by operation of law. 24 (Source: P.A. 81-856.) 25