

AN ACT concerning safety.

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

Section 5. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by adding Section 22.56 as follows:

(415 ILCS 5/22.56 new)

Sec. 22.56. Regulation of farm land sludge application.

(a) Any person applying sludge, as defined in Section 3.465 of this Act, to agricultural farm land in this State must:

(1) provide, no sooner than 90 days and no later than 7 days before the application of the sludge to the land in question, written notice to the owners of the land upon which the sludge is to be applied, the owners of land that is adjacent to the land upon which the sludge is to be applied, and the township and county officials whose jurisdiction encompasses the land upon which the sludge is to be applied;

(2) not stockpile sludge, except for lime sludge, which is defined as any solid, semi-solid, or liquid waste generated from a municipal, commercial, or industrial water treatment plant using the lime softening treatment process, and lime-alum sludge, at the same site for a period of more than 30 days between applications of sludge;

(3) not apply the sludge in trenches that are deeper than the rooting depth of the crop, unless the sludge is applied at rates that do not exceed the agronomic rate, as defined and calculated under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 391;

(4) not apply sludge closer than 100 feet to an occupied dwelling; and

(5) make available to any requesting party, for up to 5 years after the application of the sludge, any documentation of sludge analysis for parameters required under 40 CFR 503 or 35 Ill. Adm. Code 391.

(b) The requirements contained in this Section shall be in addition to any permit requirements otherwise imposed by the Agency. Nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to restrict, or in any way limit, the application of sludge on land (i) owned by a unit of local government or (ii) used for recreational purposes.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.