

Legislative and Regulatory Update–October 5, 2009

Since the last Legislative Update dated September 18, 2009, the 96th General Assembly introduced no bills relevant to our research, nor have they progressed with those bills that we have been following except for HB 170-PRIVATE SEWAGE/EPA-SURFACE DISCHARGE. On August 24th the Governor issued his Amendatory Veto of this bill. The House will address this Amendatory Veto by the Governor now that the House has placed HB 170 on the Calendar for October 14, 2009. This bill would require the issuance of a coverage letter under a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Illinois EPA or a jurisdiction's general NPDES permit before a surface discharging private sewage disposal system is constructed and discharges into the "waters of the United States." The Governor recommends replacing the reference source for "waters of the United States" and deleting language authorizing the right to construct such systems under a jurisdiction's general NPDES permit.

Next month we hope to have more for you, as well as, continue with the *Additional Policy Materials that may be of Interest*. More information on the legislation can be found at ilga.gov. Information on the Illinois EPA / Pollution Control Board rules is at www.ipcb.state.il.us or contact Sean Ziadeh at seanziadeh@hotmail.com or by calling (248) 320-3208 for any other information.