**Section 870.210 Class A Certificate**

a) Any person who seeks a Class A Certificate shall pass a written examination as provided under Subpart C.

b) Any person who seeks a Class A Certificate shall submit a complete application to the Agency accompanied by the fee required under Section 870.400 of this Part in which the applicant demonstrates the following:

1) the applicant is at least 18 years of age;

2) the applicant has not violated any of the provisions of the Solid Waste Site Operator Certification Law which could result in the refusal to issue, renew, or suspended for cause such certification;

3) the applicant has either:

A) a *high school diploma or* its *equivalent*, and

i) *not less than 2 years of acceptable study, training, and responsible experience in sanitary landfill operation or management, or*

ii) *not less than 7 years of acceptable study, training, and responsible experience in operation or management of earth moving equipment;* or

B) completed:

i) *grammar school or* its *equivalent*, and

ii) *not less than 15 years of acceptable study, training, and responsible experience in sanitary landfill operation or management* (Solid Waste Site Operator Law, Section 1007); and

4) the names, addresses, and phone numbers of *no fewer* *than 3 references* (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1990 Supp., ch. 111, par. 7858, Section 1008).

c) When an applicant has indicated on the application that any of the grounds listed in Section 870.515(a) has occurred, the applicant shall provide with the application the following:

1) A copy of any final administrative or judicial determination, made after opportunity for an adversarial proceeding, that the applicant has:

A) Violated federal, state or local laws, regulations or ordinances regarding the operation of any refuse disposal facility;

B) Been convicted in Illinois or another state of any crime which is a felony under Illinois law, or been convicted of a felony in a federal court;

C) Shown gross carelessness or incompetence in the handling, storing, processing, transporting or disposing of any hazardous waste in any state.

2) A description, including the name of the agency or court, title, docket number and status, of any administrative or judicial proceeding, which is still pending, which:

A) Could result in a determination against the applicant of the type described in subsection (c)(1) above; or

B) Could result in a reversal of any administrative or judicial determination provided by the applicant in response to subsection (c)(1) above.

d) Supporting information for use under subsection (b)(3) shall at a minimum describe the following:

1) the applicant's level of formal education including the date of graduation from high school or grammar school, or receipt of equivalent educational experience, and the name and address of the issuing institution;

2) the applicant's study, training, and experience in sanitary landfill operation or management including:

A) the name, address, and phone number of the employer under which the applicable study, training, or work experience was obtained; and

B) the name, address, and phone number of the institution at which the applicable study, training, or work experience was obtained.

e) For the purposes of subsection (b)(3) above, acceptable study and training may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1) college or university training programs or courses;

2) trade or professional association training programs or courses;

3) government training programs or courses;

4) review of relevant periodicals, trade journals, or other literature, or;

5) review of Illinois statutes and regulations relevant to the Class A Certificate.

f) For the purposes of subsection (b)(3) above, responsible experience may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1) employment at a landfill;

2) management of a landfill;

3) employment, including military service, involving the operation or management of earth moving equipment;

4) consulting activities related to the operation or management of a landfill.