

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Bureau of Water Annual Hearing

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 1:30 p.m.

**Illinois EPA Sangamo Room
1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois**

The purpose of this Illinois EPA (Agency) hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to understand and comment on specific programs administered by the Agency's Bureau of Water.

I. Revolving Loan Programs: Waste Water and Drinking Water

Pursuant to provisions of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1381) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-2), the Agency is required to prepare an intended use plan prior to the receipt of the grant from the U.S. EPA to capitalize the Water Revolving Loan Fund. This hearing, regarding the federal fiscal year 2012 program, will provide the opportunity for public comment on at least the following topics relative to the fund:

1. List of projects scored for priority;
2. Criteria and method for the distribution of funds;
3. Criteria and method established for the selection of projects; and
4. Description of the short and long term goals of the fund.

II. Section 319(h) Financial Assistance for Nonpoint Source Pollution Control

Pursuant to the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h) the Agency implements a grant program to work cooperatively with local units of government and other organizations toward our mutual goal of protecting the quality of water in the state of Illinois by controlling nonpoint source pollution. This hearing will provide the opportunity for public comment on:

- Nonpoint Source Management Program Plan
- The federal fiscal year 2013 Grant Priorities

III. Water Quality Management Plan

The Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) identifies the state's goals and objectives pertaining to water quality protection. The WQMP is updated annually to provide for public notice and input into revisions in accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1256, 1288 and 1313.

Public Hearing Information

Electronic copies of the Agency's *Procedures for Informational and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings* (35 Ill Adm. Code 164) are available at

www.ipcb.state.il.us/documents/dsweb/Get/Document-11863.

Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the hearing officer by August 31, 2011.

The Illinois EPA welcomes written comments. Written comments must be postmarked or e-mailed (e-mails must specify **BOW 2011 Annual Hearing** in the subject line and must be sent to: epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov) **by midnight, October 21, 2011**, when the hearing record closes unless prior arrangements have been made with the hearing officer. The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. Comments need not be notarized, but should be sent to:

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