

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Middle Illinois River Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load and Load Reduction Strategy

(Bureau, Putnam, LaSalle, Marshall, Woodford, Peoria and Tazewell Counties)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water
will hold two public meetings on

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

**Peoria Public Library-North Branch
3001 W. Grand Parkway
Peoria, Illinois
*at 1:30 p.m.***

AND

**Princeton City Hall
2 South Main Street
Princeton, Illinois
*at 6:00 p.m.***

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) concerning impairments to the Middle Illinois River watershed. The potential TMDL causes of impairment to the river are fecal coliform bacteria, total dissolved solids and chloride. The causes of impairment to the backwater lakes are phosphorus and

dissolved oxygen. The LRS impairments are phosphorus, nitrate-nitrogen and total suspended solids.

This TMDL/LRS report includes data analysis and determination of the pollutant loading capacity and reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards.

The IEPA implements the TMDL program in accordance with Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amounts of a single pollutant (phosphorus, metals, etc.) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

The draft Stage Three Report for the Middle Illinois River watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice. A hard copy of the draft report will also be available by request from the Illinois EPA. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to Amy Walkenbach (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, December 16, 2011. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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