NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC MEETING

Sugar Creek Watershed and Lower Kaskaskia River Watershed

(Madison, Clinton, Bond, St. Clair, Randolph, Washington, and Monroe Counties)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water will hold a joint public meeting on

Thursday, July 21, 2011 (1:30 p.m.)

at the

Highland City Council Chambers 1115 Broadway Highland, IL

The purpose of this joint meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on two draft final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) concerning impairments to the Lower Kaskaskia River watershed and the Sugar Creek watershed.

These TMDL reports include data analyses, modeling, and implementation plans to determine 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 implementation plans are intended to identify practices and solutions that will result in pollutant reductions.

The draft final reports for the Lower Kaskaskia River watershed and the Sugar Creek watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices. Hard copies of these draft reports will also be available by request from the Illinois EPA, or can be viewed at the Clinton County SWCD, the St. Clair County SWCD or the Randolph County SWCD offices during business hours. Questions about the TMDLs should be directed to Amy Walkenbach (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, August 20, 2011. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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