

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DesPlaines River/Higgins Creek Watershed (Cook and Lake Counties)

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

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 (2:00 pm)

at the

**DesPlaines Public Library
1501 Ellinwood Street
DesPlaines, Illinois**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for 3 river segments and 15 lakes in the DesPlaines River/Higgins Creek watershed. This Implementation Plan details the recommendations for reducing total pollutant loads that are necessary for meeting the approved TMDL for this watershed.

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 DesPlaines River/Higgins Creek watershed Implementation Plan will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices. A hard copy of the draft Implementation Plan will also be available by request from the Illinois EPA. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, September 27, 2012. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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