

NOTICE OF TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS

TMDL Development for Lake Michigan Beaches (Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Bureau of Water and the U.S. EPA will hold **two** public meetings on

Friday, March 16, 2012

**U.S. EPA, Region 5 Headquarters
77 West Jackson Blvd.
12th Floor Conference Room
Chicago, IL
9:30 a.m.**

-or-

**Gorton Community Center
400 East Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL
3:00 p.m.**

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on draft Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) concerning impairments to 51 Lake Michigan beaches. The potential cause of impairment for the Lake Michigan beaches is Escherichia Coli (E. coli).

These TMDL reports include data analysis and selection of model 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.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input and ideas to be applied to the TMDL report. An additional public meeting will be held in the future to discuss the next stage of the TMDL.

The draft reports for the Lake Michigan beaches will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice when completed. 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, April 15, 2012. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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