

# ***NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING***

## **Lake Mattoon/Lake Paradise Watershed (Coles, Cumberland and Shelby Counties)**

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

**Thursday, September 26, 2013 (6:00 pm)**

at the

**Mattoon Public Library  
1600 Charleston Avenue  
Mattoon, Illinois**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Lake Mattoon and Lake Paradise. These lakes (1,010 and 176 acres, respectively) are impaired for public water supply use due to simazine, and are classified as high priority for TMDL development. The lakes will have a TMDL developed using the loading capacity approach. The loading capacity analysis will be based on the lake capacity and the MCL of 4 ug/L (micrograms per litre) for simazine. The MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

This TMDL report includes data collection and analysis to determine the pollutant loading capacity and reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. In addition, this report outlines the implementation plan, which consists of recommendations for reducing total pollutant loads that are necessary for meeting the approved TMDL for Lake Mattoon and Lake Paradise.

Information from the previous TMDL stage one report for Little Wabash River Watershed will be utilized for this TMDL report. This information includes watershed characterization, such as land use and tillage information. The Stage 1 report can be found at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/tmdl/report-status.html>.

The Illinois EPA 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 (simazine) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

The draft Lake Mattoon and Lake Paradise TMDL report will be available on-line at [www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice](http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notice). A hard copy of the draft report will also be available by request from the Illinois EPA or may be found at Mattoon City Hall during business hours. For more information, contact Jennifer Clarke (Planning Unit) at 217-782-3362 or [Jennifer.Clarke@Illinois.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Clarke@Illinois.gov).

### **Closure of the Meeting Record**

The meeting record will close as of midnight, October 30, 2013. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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