

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Upper Big Muddy River Watershed (Franklin, Hamilton, Jackson, and Williamson Counties)

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 (3:30 pm)

at the

**West Frankfort Public Library
402 East Poplar
West Frankfort, IL**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to 13 water body segments within the Upper Big Muddy River Watershed. The potential causes of impairment for these segments of the Big Muddy River Watershed are sulfates, fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, iron, manganese, total phosphorus, and chloride.

This report includes watershed characterization, data analysis and selection of potential models that will be used 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 draft Stage 1 report. An additional public meeting will be held in the future to discuss the next stage of the TMDL.

The draft stage one report for the Upper Big Muddy River Watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices. A hard copy of the draft report will be available for viewing at the West Frankfort Public Library, Herrin City Hall, Christopher City Hall or Ewing Village Hall during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Margaret Fertaly by phone at 618-993-7200 or email Margaret.Fertaly@illinois.gov, or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, January 16, 2014. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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