NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Galena/Sinsinawa Rivers Watershed (Jo Daviess County)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water will hold two public meetings on

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 (6:00 pm) and Wednesday, June 11, 2014 (10:30 am)

at the

Midwest Medical Center Education Room One Medical Center Drive Galena, Illinois

The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to three water body segments within the Galena/Sinsinawa Rivers Watershed-Galena River, Sinsinawa River and Frentress Lake. The potential causes of impairment for these segments of the watershed are fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen, total phosphorus, and zinc.

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 Galena/Sinsinawa Rivers 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 Galena Public Library or Galena City Hall during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Jennifer Clarke by phone at 217-524-3040 or email jennifer.clarke@illinois.gov, or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, July 20, 2014. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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