

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Notice of Water Discharge Permit Public Hearing
NPDES Permit No. IL0045012

City of Chicago Combined Sewer Overflows
Cook County

Public Hearing
Tuesday, June 30, 2015 3:00-6:00pm

JAMES R THOMPSON CENTER
Room Number 2-025
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Water has prepared a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the City of Chicago, Department of Water Management, whose address is 1000 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The applicant has proposed multiple discharges (see <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/Assets/iepa/public-notices/2015/city-of-chicago/public-notice.pdf> for additional information).

The Illinois EPA is holding a hearing to accept comments from the public on the proposed reissuance of a permit with modifications for this project, prior to making a final decision on the permit application. Issues relevant to this proceeding include the applicant's compliance with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and Subtitle C and 35 Illinois Adm. Code. Because Illinois is mandated by state law to issue a permit if the applicant meets the requirements for obtaining a permit, those recommending denial of the permit application should be prepared to state the regulation that is the basis of their recommendation.

The applicant is engaged in conveying domestic and industrial wastewater for the City of Chicago and other surrounding municipalities.

The length of the permit is approximately 5 years.

The receiving streams are the North Shore Channel, North and South Branch(es) of the Chicago River, Chicago River, Sanitary and Ship Canal, Calumet River, Des Plaines River, North Branch Canal, Collateral Canal, South Fork of South Branch Chicago River, Little Calumet River, and the Calumet Sag Channel.

This permit authorizes discharge from 184 Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 306.305. The flow from these discharges varies.

The Illinois EPA has made a tentative determination to issue this NPDES permit with modifications for discharge into waters of the state in accordance with 35 Illinois Adm. Code Subtitle C (Water Pollution), the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the federal Clean Water Act. The draft NPDES permit and the public notice/fact sheet were public noticed on February 27, 2015 and are available online at: <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/Assets/iepa/public-notices/2015/city-of-chicago/public-notice.pdf>.

The draft permit, public notice/fact sheet, the regulations governing the conduct of the hearing and other documents can be reviewed and copied at the Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois; 217-782-0610. Please call ahead for an appointment.

For information or requests about the draft permit, please contact: Barb Lieberoff, Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA, 1021 N. Grand Ave. East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, 217/524-3038 or by email at barb.lieberoff@illinois.gov.

The hearing will be conducted under 35 Illinois Adm. Code 166, Subpart A in accordance with provisions of 35 Illinois Adm. Code 309.115 through 309.119. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made to the Illinois EPA hearing officer by **June 16, 2015**. The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. **Written comments must be physically received by July 31, 2015; mailed comments must be postmarked in sufficient time to arrive at Illinois EPA by July 31, 2015 when the hearing record closes.**

E-mails with written comments must be sent to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov and should specify **Chicago CSO NPDES** or **IL0045012** in the subject line. Email comments originating on third party systems or servers intended for submittal of multiple emails of the same or nearly the same content will not be accepted without prior approval from the hearing officer. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to:

Hearing Officer Dean Studer, Mail Code #5
Re: City of Chicago CSO NPDES
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
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Springfield, IL 62794-9276 email comments: epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov
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Concerns regarding procedure for this hearing (NOT comments on the permit) can be emailed to the hearing officer at dean.studer@illinois.gov.