

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Lake Michigan (nearshore) Watershed (Cook and Lake Counties)

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 (6:00 pm)

***Waukegan Public Library
Bradbury Room
128 North County Street
Waukegan, Illinois***

AND

Thursday, January 14, 2016 (10:00 am)

***U.S. EPA Region 5 Office
77 West Jackson Blvd.
Room 325
Chicago, Illinois***

The material covered in both of these meetings will be identical. 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 51 beach or shoreline segments, four harbors and one Lake Michigan nearshore open water segment within the watershed. The causes of impairment for these segments of the watershed are mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

A Draft TMDL Report has been completed and will be presented at the public meetings. The Draft TMDL Report describes the study area and impaired nearshore Lake Michigan waters, describes the specification of a TMDL target, and discusses and recommends an approach for defining the relationship between the pollutant load and concentration.

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 to provide comments on the Draft TMDL Report. An additional public meeting will be held in the future to obtain input on the draft TMDLs for mercury and PCBs.

The Draft TMDL Report for the Illinois nearshore Lake Michigan Mercury and PCB TMDLs 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 Waukegan Public Library during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to the project manager, Collin Stedman by phone at 217-782-3362 or email Collin.Stedman@illinois.gov or contact Abel Haile (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, February 16, 2016. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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