

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearing
Bureau of Water Triennial Review

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Bureau of Water is conducting a triennial review of the State's Water Quality Standards (WQS) as required by 40 CFR 131.20 and consistent with the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(c)(1). The purpose of the triennial review is to assess, develop, update, and revise WQS once every three years in accordance with the CWA.

The triennial review process will not be complete without public input, which will form an essential part of the Illinois EPA decisions on projects to address during the next three years. There are several avenues for meaningful public participation in the triennial review process, including an [online survey](#) to facilitate the selection and ranking of project topics for the next three years, a public comment period to solicit written public comments on priority topics for the next three years, and an online public hearing to answer questions and accept comments from the public.

Information regarding the triennial review process, project topics, survey, public comment period, and public hearing can be accessed on the [Illinois EPA Triennial Review webpage](#). Following the survey, public hearing, and public comment period, the Illinois EPA will present a final selection of ranked topics in a publicly-available 'Summary and Agency Statement' document. The Illinois EPA will then propose relevant WQS to the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB). The Illinois EPA's accomplishment of the projects will ultimately depend on the resources available to prepare, submit, and defend relevant WQS proposals before the IPCB.

Comments, questions, and requests for information regarding the triennial review should be directed to Barb Lieberoff, Illinois EPA Office of Community Relations, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, phone 217-524-3087, email barb.lieberoff@illinois.gov, TDD 866-273-5488.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written public comments until 11:59 p.m. CT on August 7, 2023. If you would like to provide written comments, please email your comments to EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov. Written comments may also be mailed to the Illinois EPA, attention Jeff Guy, Hearing Officer, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. Please reference 'triennial review' in your email or letter. 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 Illinois EPA Hearing Officer.

The Illinois EPA will hold an online public hearing on July 6, 2023 to explain the triennial review process, present potential project topics, and answer questions and accept comments from the public. The hearing will be held online with an afternoon session beginning at 2:00 p.m. and an evening session beginning at 6:00 p.m. Information on how to connect to the hearing is provided below.

Registration is required if you would like to speak during either session of the hearing. Please contact the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer, Jeff Guy, by email at EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov or by phone at 217-785-8724 to reserve an opportunity to speak during either hearing session. The deadline to register is 11:59 p.m. CT on June 30, 2023.

Questions regarding hearing procedures or requests for interpretation (including sign language) must be made by 11:59 p.m. CT on June 6, 2023 by contacting the Illinois EPA Hearing Officer by email at EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov, by calling 217-785-8724 or the TDD phone number 866-273-5488.

Public Hearing Connection Instructions

You may log in or call in to the hearing up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the hearing or any time during the hearing. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Jeff Guy, Illinois EPA Hearing Officer, by email at EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov or by phone at 217-785-8724.

Online Public Hearing Information

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023

Times: 2:00 p.m. CT and 6:00 p.m. CT

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