



Notice of Public Comment Period & Meeting Cycle 2024 Watershed Projects (II)

Public Meeting Date

November 5, 2026

10:00 a.m. online Webex

Comment Period End Date

December 7, 2026

11:59 p.m. CT.

The Illinois EPA has developed draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports for the Cycle 2024 Watershed Projects of seven watershed reports. These draft reports evaluate waters that do not meet required water quality standards and identify the pollutants contributing to those impairments. Illinois EPA implements the 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 that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

TMDL/Watershed	Counties	TMDL Causes of Impairment
Beaucoup Creek/Pinckneyville Reservoir	Perry, Washington, and Jackson	Beaucoup Creek (IL_NC-07) for fecal coliform. Beaucoup Creek (IL_NC-09), Walkers Creek (IL_NCC-01), White Walnut Creek (IL_NCH), Locust Creek (IL_NCN), and Glenn Creek (IL_NCS), for dissolved oxygen. Pinckneyville Reservoir (IL_RNH) for total phosphorus. Washington County Lake (IL_RNM) for manganese.
Deer Creek/Rock River	Whiteside, Rock Island, Henry, Carroll, and Lee	Rock River (IL_P-04 and IL_P-06) and Rock Creek (IL_PE-05), for fecal coliform. Carlton Lake (IL_RPF) for total phosphorus.
Du Quoin Lake-Elkville Reservoir	Perry, Franklin, Jackson, Washington, Jefferson, and Williamson	Little Muddy River (IL_NE-05) for fecal coliform. Reese Creek (IL_NEB-DQ-A2) for manganese. Little Muddy River (IL_NE-04), Sixmile Creek (IL_NEA-02), Reese Creek (IL_NEB-02), and Phil Creek (IL_NEBB-DQ-C1A), for dissolved oxygen. Puncheon Creek (IL_NEI-01) for dissolved oxygen and pH. Elkville Reservoir (IL_RNT) for dissolved oxygen, total phosphorus, and pH.

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East Fork Shoal Creek	Montgomery and Bond	Governor Bond Lake (IL_ROP) for atrazine.
Fox River/Vernor Lake	Richland, Jasper, Wayne, and Edwards	Fox River (IL_CH-02) for fecal coliform. Fox River (IL_CH-03) for iron. Big Creek (IL_CHEA-11) for dissolved oxygen. Vernor Lake (IL_RCA) for total phosphorus.
Little Wabash River/Green Creek	Effingham, Clay, Shelby, Coles, Fayette, Cumberland, Marion, and Moultrie	Little Wabash River (IL_C-21) for iron. Lake Mattoon (IL_RCF) for atrazine. Lake Paradise (IL_RCG) for iron and dissolved oxygen. Dismal Creek (IL_CM-02) and Big Creek-North (IL_CR) for dissolved oxygen.
Little Wabash River/Old Fairfield	Wayne, Edwards, and White	Little Wabash River (IL_C-33) for iron. Old Fairfield Reservoir (IL_RCZJ) for total phosphorus.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORY

The Draft Stage 1 TMDL Reports for Cycle 2024 Watersheds, and the TMDL Fact Sheet are available on-line at: <https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notice/general-notice.html>. Hard copies of the draft TMDL reports are available for viewing (in their respective watersheds) at the following locations during business hours: <https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notice/general-notice.html>

More detailed information about the TMDL development process in Illinois is available at: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/tmdls.html>

Public Comment Period

The public is encouraged to provide input on the draft TMDL reports including potential Best Management Practice (BMP) projects that could be included as part of the implementation plans in the final Stage 3 reports. A comment period has been established for the public to provide information for the Illinois EPA to consider. The public comment period begins on November 5, 2026, and ends on December 7, 2026. There are several ways to submit comments to the Illinois EPA:

MAIL

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PUBLIC MEETING

In addition to accepting written comments, individuals can give verbal comments at the Illinois EPA public meeting via Webex at 10:00 am on November 5, 2026.

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=me553d22b6154937a890e43ac51911021>

You are encouraged to review how to make an effective comment on the Illinois EPA website:

<https://bit.ly/4yQiw2A>

Connection instructions for the public meeting are available online at:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/general-notices.html>

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