

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Ashland New Reservoir Watershed (Cass and Morgan Counties)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Bureau of Water
will hold a public meeting on

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 (6:30 pm)

at the

**Ashland Village Hall
101 North Yates Street
Ashland, Illinois**

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and comment on the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) concerning impairments to Ashland New Reservoir watershed. Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input and ideas to be applied to the TMDL report. An additional public meeting will be held in the future to discuss the next stage of the TMDL.

The potential cause of impairment for Ashland New Reservoir is manganese. This TMDL report includes watershed characterization, data analysis and selection of model 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.

The draft stage one report for the Ashland New Reservoir watershed will be available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices. A hard copy of the draft report will also be available by request from the Illinois EPA, or can be viewed at the Ashland Village Hall during business hours. Questions about the TMDL should be directed to Dean Studer (see contact information below).

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, December 12, 2008. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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