

# ***NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING***

## **Ohio River Watershed (Pope County)**

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

***Monday, January 12, 2009 (6:00 pm)***

at the

**Pope County High School  
Route 2  
Golconda, 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 a 16-mile segment of the Ohio River. The potential cause of impairment for the Ohio River Watershed is fecal coliform.

The entire Ohio River basin drains more than 200,000 square miles and the river is itself more than 900 miles long (500 miles are impaired). The watershed encompasses large portions of seven states and smaller portions of eight states. This interstate TMDL is being developed by U.S. EPA in conjunction with the states of Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

This TMDL report includes 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.

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 draft stage one report for the Ohio River Watershed is available on-line at <http://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 Golconda City Hall or the Pope-Hardin County Soil and Water Conservation District in Golconda, 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, February 11, 2009. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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