

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency announces a public review and comment period for the “Delisting Targets for the Waukegan Harbor Area of Concern: Final Report.”

The purpose of this comment period is to receive comments from concerned citizens, state and local governments, and other organizations with regards to the “Delisting Targets for the Waukegan Harbor Area of Concern: Final Report.” This document establishes targets for the delisting of beneficial use impairments (BUIs) in the Waukegan Harbor Area of Concern (AOC). Waukegan Harbor has six BUIs, all of which are addressed in the document. The Waukegan Harbor BUIs include: restrictions on fish and wildlife consumption; beach closings; degradation of benthos (organisms which live on, in, or near the lakebed); degradation of phytoplankton and zooplankton populations (microscopic organisms living in the water column of the lake); restrictions on dredging activities; and, loss of fish and wildlife habitat. When delisting targets for the BUIs have been obtained, Waukegan Harbor AOC becomes eligible for delisting as an AOC. These delisting targets are for delisting Waukegan Harbor as an AOC and do not apply to delisting Waukegan Harbor as a Superfund site.

The document “Delisting Targets for the Waukegan Harbor Area of Concern: Final Report” is available at the Waukegan Public Library, 28 North County Street, Waukegan, IL and on the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/general-notices.html>. The 60 day public review and comment period begins on November 21, 2008, when the notice is first published in the Waukegan News Sun and posted on the Illinois EPA website. The public review and comment period concludes on January 14, 2009.

Please send your comments to:
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Written comments must be sent to the Tammy Mitchell and must be postmarked before midnight, January 14, 2009. Written comments need not be notarized.

Public comments will be reviewed for possible incorporation into the document. The final document will be prepared, produced, and distributed to concerned citizens, state and local governments, and other organizations, including those who submitted comments during the public review and comment period.