

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Notice of Public Hearing

Impaired Waters of Illinois

Draft 2012 Integrated Report

Tuesday April 17, 2012 10:30 a.m.

**Illinois EPA Mississippi River Conference Room
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois**

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Draft 2012 Integrated Report. The Illinois EPA is required under Sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 of the federal Clean Water Act to assess waters of the state and evaluate compliance with applicable water quality standards and designated uses. Waters that are assessed as not achieving those standards are identified in the Integrated Report.

Waters identified in the Integrated Report in accordance with Section 303(d) are deemed impaired for specific chemical constituents and consequently additional loadings (i.e., discharges) of those constituents may be restricted. In addition to possible restrictions on future loadings to these listed waterbodies, waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d) are subject to the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). TMDLs in Illinois may take the form of a watershed study in which the chemical constituent causing impairment to that waterbody is evaluated. A TMDL is the sum of the allowable amount of a single pollutant that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses. The Draft 2012 Integrated Report is reviewable at the Illinois EPA's web site at

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/tmdl/303d-list.html>

Questions about the Draft 2012 Integrated Report may be directed to:

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Requests for special needs interpreters for the public hearing must be made by March 27, 2012, to Illinois EPA Hearing Officer Dean Studer:
phone 217-558-8280 or email Dean.Studer@illinois.gov.

The Illinois EPA welcomes substantive written comments. Written comments must be postmarked **or** e-mailed (e-mails must specify **Integrated Report 2012** in the subject line and must be sent to the e-mail address given below) **by midnight, May 17, 2012**, when the hearing record closes. Comments by e-mail must be sent to epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov to be included in the hearing record. Electronic comments are limited to no more than 2 per e-mail address with a combined size not exceeding 10 megabytes unless prior arrangements have been made with the hearing officer. No DVDs will be accepted. The hearing record is a file containing the hearing transcript and written comments. Comments need not be notarized and should be sent to:

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