NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

East Fork Kaskaskia River/ Farina Lake Watershed

(Fayette County)

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

Thursday, November 7, 2013 (6:00 pm)

at the

Farina American Legion
101 South Walnut
Farina, Illinois

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for an 8.8 mile segment of East Fork Kaskaskia River and the 4-acre Farina Lake. These water bodies are impaired for public water supply use due to simazine, and are classified as high priority for TMDL development. The water bodies will have a TMDL developed using the loading capacity approach. The loading capacity analysis will be based on the lake capacity and the MCL of 4 ug/L (micrograms per litre) for simazine. The MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

This TMDL report includes data collection and analysis to determine the pollutant loading capacity and reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. In addition, this report outlines the implementation plan, which consists of recommendations for reducing total

pollutant loads that are necessary for meeting the approved TMDL for East Fork Kaskaskia River and Farina Lake. .

Information from the previous TMDL stage one report for East Fork Kaskaskia Watershed will be utilized for this TMDL report. This information includes watershed characterization, such as land use and tillage information. The Stage 1 report can be found at http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/tmdl/report-status.html.

The Illinois EPA 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 (simazine) that a waterbody can receive from all contributing sources and still meet water quality standards or designated uses.

The draft East Fork Kaskaskia River/Farina Lake TMDL report 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 may be found at Farina City Hall during business hours. For more information, contact Jennifer Clarke (Planning Unit) at 217-782-3362 or Jennifer.Clarke@Illinois.gov.

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, December 9, 2013. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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