NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Upper Big Muddy River Watershed
(Franklin, Hamilton, Jackson, and Williamson Counties)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Bureau of Water will hold a public meeting on

Thursday, November 15, 2018 (3:30 pm)

at the

West Frankfort Public Library
402 East Poplar
West Frankfort, IL

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 16 (sixteen) waterbody segments within the Upper Big Muddy River Watershed -- Big Muddy River (IL_N-06, IL_N-11, IL_N-17), Hurricane Creek (IL_NF-01), Prairie Creek (IL_NZM-01), Andy Creek (IL_NZN-13), Herrin Old (IL_RNZD), Pond Creek (IL_NG-02), Lake Creek (IL_NGA-02), Beaver Creek (IL_NGAZ-JC-D1), Johnson City (IL_RNZE), Arrowhead (IL_RNZX), Middle Fork Big Muddy River (IL_NH-06, IL_NH-07)) West Frankfort Old (IL_RNP), and West Frankfort New (IL_RNQ).

The potential causes of impairment for these segments are Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Fecal Coliform, Chloride, Phosphorus, Manganese, Iron, and Sulfates. In addition, a Load Reduction Strategy (LRS) has been developed for Sedimentation/Siltation, and Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

This Draft TMDL report includes watershed characterization, data analysis, and pollutant loading capacity analysis that have been used to determine
the reductions necessary to meet designated uses and water quality standards. Also included is an implementation plan designed to meet the reductions needed.

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 (such as 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 on potential nonpoint source Best Management practices and projects that could be included as part of the implementation plan in the final draft Stage 3 report.

The draft Stage 3 report for Upper Big Muddy River Watershed TMDL is available on-line at www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices. A hard copy of the draft report is available for viewing at West Frankfort Public Library, Herrin City Hall, Christopher City Hall or Ewing Village Hall during business hours.

Questions about the draft TMDL report should be directed to the project manager, Margaret Fertaly by phone at 618-993-7200 or email Margaret.Fertaly@illinois.gov, or contact Abel Haile by phone at 217-782-3362 or email (see contact information below).

**Closure of the Meeting Record**

The meeting record will close as of midnight, December 15, 2018. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

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