



EPA Open House and Public Hearing General Permit for Discharges from New and Replacement Septic Systems Illinois

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is taking comments from the public on a draft general permit for new or replacement individual wastewater treatment systems that release pollutants to federally protected waters in Illinois.

People who are eligible for the new general permit will be able to discharge from septic systems under the permit. The permit sets discharge limits and requires periodic inspection, monitoring and reporting. Anyone not eligible for the general permit may apply for an individual permit from Illinois EPA.

The EPA will hold an open house and a formal public hearing on the draft general permit. EPA representatives will answer questions at the open house. The public hearing is for submitting oral and written comments. If you wish to make an oral comment, sign in begins at 6 p.m. Speakers will appear in the order in which they sign in. A written transcript of the hearing will be made available to the public following the hearing.

Thursday, Nov. 1

University of Illinois at Springfield
2200 Ernest Hemingway Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703-5407

Open House: 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room PAC G

Public Hearing: 7 to 9 p.m. in Brookens Auditorium

EPA's public comment period runs until Thursday, Nov. 15. You may mail written comments, postmarked on or before that date, to:

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Or email comments to: il_psd_comments@epa.gov

To see the draft permit and related documents, go to www.epa.gov/region5/water/npdestek/surfacedischarge or visit the EPA's Chicago regional office to view the full administrative record. To schedule an appointment at the Chicago office, or if you need special accommodations to attend the open house or public hearing, contact Mark Ackerman at 312-353-4145.

You may call EPA toll-free at 800-621-8431, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays.