



In order to give citizens an opportunity to meet with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Public Health staff to discuss the groundwater investigation related to the former Toastmaster site we are holding a...

Public Availability Session

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
A presentation will be given at 7:00 p.m.
The presentation will be less than 30 minutes in length.

Location: St. John's Lutheran School, 300 Jefferson Street, Algonquin
The facility is handicapped accessible.

Sponsors: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Format: The public availability session will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a short presentation at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will then move into a public availability session or open house so citizens may discuss issues of concern one-on-one with IEPA, IDOT and IDPH representatives. The session will end promptly at 9:00 p.m. A fact sheet that briefly describes the investigation will be available at the session.

Background: As part of the process of acquiring property in preparation for the Western Bypass, a road construction project planned to alleviate traffic congestion at the intersection of Routes 31 and 62 in Algonquin, IDOT conducted tests of soil and groundwater. Initial soil and groundwater tests revealed the presence of higher than normal levels of certain types of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in a few test locations. IDOT reported their findings to the IEPA, and the IEPA is conducting further investigation. The area under investigation is located generally east of the Toastmaster property at 401 Washington Street, bordered approximately by the Prairie Trail bike path to the west and south, Towne Park to the north, and Route 31 to the east. Initial research indicates that the source of the VOCs may be the Toastmaster property, an old industrial site that is currently abandoned. Throughout its history, the factory on this site produced items such as irons, shell casings during wartime, and appliances. Cleanup of the Toastmaster property is slated to take place by IDOT as part of the Western Bypass project once they have acquired the source property.

Information: An information repository will be available at the Algonquin Area Public Library, Main Library, 2600 Harnish Dr., Algonquin, IL 60102, (847) 458-6060 on and after November 13, 2009. Library hours are: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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