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## Southern Illinois NARPs

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NARP Committee Members,

Please take a moment to read the following updates and developments regarding the NARP planning process:

**PLANNING MEETING** - Greater Egypt will be hosting the next planning meeting for both NARPs on **Thursday, October 17, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM** at the Greater Egypt Office in Marion. I will also be sending a Zoom link for those unable to join in person. We will be discussing the Sampling Plan, Planning Announcement, and general updates. An agenda will be sent before the meeting.

**SAMPLING PLAN** - As you are aware, IEPA's comments were largely based on additional monitoring sites and continuous monitoring (CM). While the CM is not going to be implemented during this process, it can be considered a management measure in the plan. Bob Stitley informed me to discuss the cost of CM as a barrier in the plan as well.

We have added additional sampling locations for Murphysboro and West Frankfort in the Big Muddy. Additional locations have also been placed for Harrisburg. Some of the points are fairly far away from the cities, so let us know if you need assistance with sampling or have suggestions on the sites. Our final maps will also detail existing USGS/EPA monitoring locations which we'll be able to take data from. Hopefully, this should be enough support for our main goals.

We will be forwarding this to you all and the IEPA by the end of the week for final review. Please let us know if you have additional comments.

**PLANNING ANNOUNCEMENT** - We will soon be releasing an official public planning announcement. We can send you the announcement and review at next week's meeting. We will also be asking Prairie Rivers Network and Sierra Club - Shawnee Chapter to join any future meetings we have, or provide any input for planning. We will want to make sure these groups have enough chances to participate in the planning process.

If you have any questions, please reach out. Thank you.

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