NARP Planning Meeting

10/17/24 10:00 – 11:00 In-person and Virtual (Zoom)

In attendance

Tyler Carpenter, Lilly Bolin, Nick Keller (Greater Egypt RPDC), Ted Beggs (J.T. Blankenship), Matt Tosh (Brown & Roberts), Christy Crites (CMT Engineering), Ryan Farley (Farley Engineering), Shannon Toigo (Benton WWTP), Randy Lattuada (Herrin WWTP), Adam Decker (City of Carterville), Michaelangelo Sirena (City of West Frankfort)

Meeting Narrative

Greater Egypt staff reviewed the planning process and timeline, reviewing previously established planning and covering details of other submitted NARPs (available on the IEPA website). Staff discussed other NARPs, deciding to focus on describing limitations such as the low thresholds set by the IEPA, costs of continuous monitoring, and outside sources of pollution when writing the narratives.

Amendments were made to sampling points, and new ones were added. A list of the new points is provided below but is subject to change if necessary.

1. Big muddy River

Downstream - Town Creek Road at Big Muddy Crossing

Downstream – Orient Blacktop Road at Middle Fork Big Muddy Crossing

Upstream - Waltonville Public Use Area

Upstream – Rend Lake Dam

Upstream – Highway 148 crossing north of Rend Lake

2. Saline River

Upstream - Mcfarland Road at Saline Crossing

Downstream - Highway 1 crossing

Sampling plans were finalized. Samples will be taken every other Tuesday at 10:00 am and tested for phosphorus, dissolved oxygen, nitrogen, nitrates, and ammonia, and a visual assessment will be taken as well. Chlorophyl A will be recorded from April to October. Contact Greater Egypt for assistance if there are any problems (lack of equipment, personnel, or funding).