

LEGAL NOTICE

Availability of Draft Finding Of No Significant Impact Waste Water Treatment Plant, Port Byron, Illinois

To all interested parties, this is notification that the draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Port Byron, Rock Island County, Illinois, are available for review and comment. The project is to replace presently inadequate public and private sewage treatment facilities with a public WWTP and extend the sewer collection system in several phases, to meet state requirements for compliance. This proposal is to fund replacement of the present waste treatment operation with an Aero-Mod activated sludge treatment facility at the same location. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is proposing to grant Congressionally-designated funds to assist this improvement project. The sponsor of this project, the Village of Port Byron, has applied for that Federal money from the U.S. EPA. As part of the grant application process, the U.S. EPA is submitting the draft FONSI and EA for public comment, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Based upon our review, the draft FONSI states that the proposed project's implementation will not significantly impact the environment or have an adverse effect on cultural resources/historic properties, located within the project area. The U.S. EPA draft FONSI is based on an Environmental Planning Worksheet and other materials prepared by the grantee, its consultant, MSA Professional Services, Galena, Illinois, and the Bi-State Regional Commission. The draft FONSI and EA can be reviewed at the following locations:

Village Hall

120 South Main Street

Port Byron, IL

Contact person: Janet Fletcher, Clerk

Fax: 309-523-2710 Phone 309-523-3705

available: M-F 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

and

Port Byron Public Library

Port Byron, IL

Contact person: Lisa Ford

available: MWTF 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sat. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Comments on the draft FONSI will be accepted from the public starting Friday, April 17, 2009, through Monday, May 18, 2009. Comments postmarked after May 18, 2009 will not be accepted. Please submit your comments to:

Norman West

NEPA Implementation, Mail Code E -19J

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

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At the close of the public comment period, the U.S. EPA will review all comments received and determine whether any modifications to the proposed project might be warranted. If no substantive comments are received, the draft FONSI will become final. Once the NEPA process is completed, the Village of Port Byron can proceed with the U.S. EPA grant application. If you have any questions concerning this project, you may contact Mr. West by e-mail at west.norman@epa.gov, or by phone at (312)–353–5692.