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Illinois River Watershed Steering Committee Meeting Scheduled

WEST SILOAM SPRINGS, OK— The Illinois River Watershed Steering Committee will hold a meeting in the conference center at the Cherokee Hotel located at 2416 US 412, West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma. The meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m. on November 7, 2019.

Items on the agenda include updates from the Steering Committee on various topics relating to the Illinois River Watershed as well as presentations from state environmental agencies in Oklahoma and Arkansas. The meeting will be open to the public, but as the meeting is solely informational no public comments will be received.

Arkansas and Oklahoma environmental and natural resource agencies throughout the last decade and a half have measured and set goals to reduce nutrient loading in the Illinois River, including completing a Stressor Response Study and establishing a Memorandum of Agreement. Through cooperative efforts among these agencies and industry, the states continue to protect and improve water quality.

The Steering Committee is established among the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, the Oklahoma Department of Energy and Environment, and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture to further protect and improve water quality in the Illinois River Watershed. The Steering Committee includes the Secretaries of the aforementioned departments, as well as the Cherokee Nation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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