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Illinois River Watershed Steering Committee Virtual Meeting Scheduled

NORTH LITTLE ROCK—The Illinois River Watershed Steering Committee (Steering Committee) will hold a virtual meeting on November 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom.

Items on the agenda include updates from the Steering Committee on various topics relating to the Illinois River Watershed as well as presentations from environmental agencies in Oklahoma and Arkansas and the Cherokee Nation. The virtual meeting will be open to the public and public comments will be accepted. The order of comments will be determined by the order of notifying the meeting host. Please note that, due to time constraints, comments from the public will be limited to two minutes per person.

The Steering Committee was established through a Memorandum of Agreement between the Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment, the Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality, and the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Division in November 2018 to further protect and improve water quality in the Illinois River Watershed. Members of the Steering Committee are the signatories to the MOA (or their successor agencies) as well as the Cherokee Nation. The US Environmental Protection Agency serves in an advisory role to the Steering Committee.

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