

Aquifer Hearing Scheduled; Comment Period Extended

Michindoh Aquifer

Bryan, Ohio

November 2009

Hearing, meetings scheduled

EPA will hold two informational meetings and one formal hearing about the Michindoh Sole Source Aquifer Petition.

The formal hearing will be:

Wednesday, Jan. 13
8 – 9:30 p.m.

New Era Auditorium
520 W. Mulberry St.
Bryan, Ohio

Attendees can make statements or submit written comments at the hearing. A more informal, informational meeting at the same location will precede the hearing from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Another **informational meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7 – 9 p.m.** at Hudson High School Cafeteria, 771 N. Maple Grove, Hudson, Mich.

For more information

If you have questions or wish to make a comment, contact:

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a.m. – 5:30 p.m., weekdays

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You may inspect a copy of the Michindoh Sole Source Aquifer Petition at the EPA Region 5 offices in Chicago (address above). Contact Spaulding for an appointment.

Or visit:

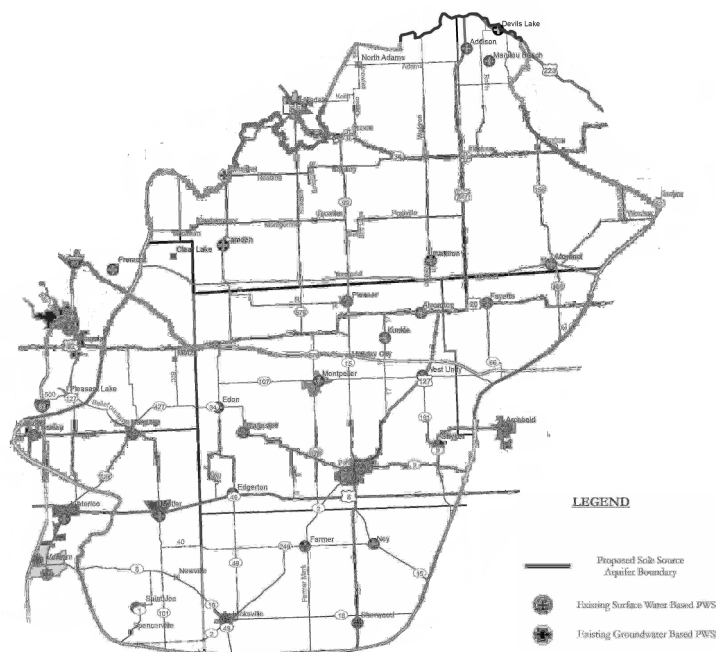
www.epa.gov/region5/water/gwdw/index.htm

Comments from the public have prompted U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to hold two informational meetings and a formal public hearing (see box, left) on an application from the city of Bryan, Ohio, to designate the Michindoh Aquifer as a “sole-source” aquifer.

That designation means the aquifer is the only source of drinking water for people in a nine-county area that includes parts of three states. The region includes all of Ohio’s Williams County and parts of Defiance and Fulton counties in Ohio; Allen, DeKalb and Steuben counties in Indiana; and Hillsdale, Lenawee and Branch counties in Michigan. EPA has extended the public comment period until Friday, Jan. 29. If you wish to make a comment, send it to William Spaulding (see box, left). Region 5 officials will review and respond to all comments received.

The Safe Drinking Water Act gives EPA the authority to designate an aquifer as a sole source of drinking water for a specified area. Such a designation means EPA is obligated to review all federally funded projects in the area in order to determine their potential for contaminating the aquifer. A sole source aquifer supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer.

People wanting to read the sole-source petition can do so at these locations: Bryan Municipal Utilities Office, 841 E. Edgerton St., Bryan, Ohio; Williams County Public Library, 107 E. High St., Bryan, Ohio; Hillsdale Community Library, 11 E. Bacon St., Hillsdale, Mich.; Lenawee County Library, 4459 W. U.S. 223, Adrian, Mich.; and Butler Public Library, 340 S. Broadway, Butler, Ind.



Map shows location of aquifer spread over three states.