

## **Illinois Coastal Management Program (ICMP) - Status Report**

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The IDNR Office of Water Resources (OWR) completed a draft ICMP document in September 2008. An internal review by the IDNR and the IEPA followed. In November 2008, the ICMP was revised to incorporate the comments received. In December 2008, the OWR submitted the draft ICMP document to the Coastal Programs Division in NOAA.

NOAA reviewed the draft ICMP document during 2009 and submitted formal comments to the IDNR on December 31, 2009. The IDNR is now making revisions to address NOAA's comments and in meeting the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and CZMA regulations. Following satisfactory completion of a revised ICMP draft, the IDNR will request comment and input from the Coastal Advisory Group (CAG), the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and from relevant federal agencies. Federal agencies are specifically asked to identify coastal issues and areas to be in the national interest and in the siting of energy facilities.

The IDNR will revise the ICMP document following submission of comments and input from the CAG, the TAC, and federal agencies. The revised ICMP will then be submitted to NOAA for a determination as to its acceptance for the IDNR to conduct a public hearing.

Below are some of the key remaining steps that will be required for program approval following the state's public hearing. The IDNR and NOAA will work closely in satisfying these requirements, as they require a joint effort.

- NOAA and IDNR hold Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping meetings.
- NOAA and IDNR jointly develop Environmental Assessment (EA), federal section and combine document.
- NOAA conducts formal "threshold review" of hearing document and EA.
- NOAA and IDNR complete draft EIS (DEIS), public review notice.
- NOAA and IDNR respond to public comments, revise DEIS, produce Final EIS (FEIS), submit to Governor for review, documentation and sign-off, and publish and distribute FEIS and Federal Register Notice for review.
- FEIS public review
- NOAA completes Approval Findings with federal agencies' comments appended.
- Formal Program Approval – start Section 306 grants.