

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **VESUVIUS RESTORATION PLAN**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency invite public review and comment on a natural resources restoration plan.

A Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) settlement provided approximately \$130,000 as compensation for natural resource injuries. On June 22, 2001, near Charleston, IL., Vesuvius USA experienced a factory malfunction that in turn resulted in the release of furfural and injury to natural resources. The aforementioned hazardous substance entered Cassell, Riley, and Kickapoo Creeks, tributaries of the Embarras River. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) biologists documented 100% mortality for aquatic flora and fauna within 9 miles of the tributary system as a result of this release.

The proposed restoration plan will use the settlement funds for a natural resource project which is outlined in the restoration plan.

For more details on the restoration plan please check the IDNR website at <http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/cas/nrda/projects/vesuvius/>. The plan can also be viewed at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library and the Mattoon Public Library.

Comments may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to: Illinois Dept. of natural Resources, Attn: Beth Whetsell – Vesuvius RP, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271. Fax: 217/524-4177. Email: [beth.whetsell@illinois.gov](mailto:beth.whetsell@illinois.gov). Comments must be received no later than November 13, 2009.