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# Comments Prompt Further Geological Study of Aquifer

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## Michindoh Aquifer

Bryan, Ohio

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### For more information

The public comment period on the Michindoh sole-source aquifer petition closed April 16. EPA is no longer accepting comments. Copies of the petition, however, are still available at the following locations as reference materials:

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.

Butler Public Library  
340 S. Broadway, Butler, Ind.

Hudson Public Library  
205 S. Market St., Hudson, Mich.

Or visit:

[www.epa.gov/region5/water/gwdw/michindoh/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/gwdw/michindoh/index.htm)

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During the public comment period on the proposed Michindoh sole-source aquifer designation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency received numerous questions, comments, expressions of interest and additional technical information. Based on this information, EPA has determined that further study is needed. The Agency is asking for technical assistance from U.S. Geological Survey and other partners to clarify what is known about the underlying geologic structure of the area.

EPA considered all of the questions and comments from people in Williams County, Ohio, and portions of Defiance and Fulton counties in Ohio; Branch, Hillsdale and Lenawee counties in Michigan; and DeKalb, Steuben and Allen counties in Indiana.

EPA will collaborate with USGS and state geologic survey staff from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to conduct what is known as a “scoping study.” This effort will collect and review all available geologic information for the Michindoh Aquifer sole-source aquifer study area. It will include a more comprehensive review of all relevant published literature in the proposed designation document, as well as other literature that may not have been included and any new studies.

The scoping study will determine if there are gaps in the current data and will let EPA know if there is a need for more comprehensive field study of the geologic conditions and water resources. EPA expects the scoping study to be completed before the end of this year.

When the scoping study is done, EPA will inform the public on its findings and how the Agency plans to follow up.

Once the designation process is complete, EPA will publish a document called a “responsiveness summary” that will include responses to all comments the Agency received from the public.