Illinois State Hydrologist

Qualifications and Experience
Employee of the Illinois State Water Survey with at least a master’s degree in hydrology or related discipline, such as hydraulics, hydrogeology, or water resources engineering; ten years of research experience and extensive experience in working with the general public, and with state, federal and local governmental agencies; extensive knowledge of the hydrology of Illinois.

Role and Responsibilities
Serves as the lead hydrologist for ISWS, the Prairie Research Institute, and the State of Illinois and is responsible for providing the latest hydrologic information related to water resource issues such as floods, droughts, water supply, and other regional and local water resources issues.

Related Resources
ISWS will provide any necessary support for preparation of information that needs to be released to the public; travel expenses to state and national meetings and conferences related to hydrology and water resources in general.

History
The position was established by Public Act 98-0346 and signed into law by Governor Quinn on August 14, 2013. The Executive Director of the Prairie Research Institute appoints the State Hydrologist. Typically, the Director of the Survey is designated, unless he or she does not meet the qualifications, in which case, a senior research scientist is designated. The Director of ISWS has been designated the first State Hydrologist.

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