



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

## Compliance Assistance Initiative for Woodworking Manufacturing Facilities

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### Description:

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is conducting a Woodworking Manufacturer's Limited Liability Initiative. The initiative is designed to help small business owners understand their environmental obligations and assist those businesses with compliance with environmental requirements. A goal of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management is that every Hoosier will understand and meet their environmental responsibilities.
- The woodworking manufacturing compliance assistance initiative is geared towards small businesses. A small business is defined as:
  - A stationary source, not mobile.
  - Is owned or operated by a person that employs one-hundred (100) or fewer individuals.
  - Does not emit fifty (50) tons or more per year of any regulated air pollutant.
  - Emits less than seventy-five (75) tons per year of all regulated air pollutants.

### Environmental Impacts:

- Air emissions from volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are precursors to ozone formation.
- Air emissions from wood dust and spray contribute to particulate matter, or haze.
- Hazardous waste may be generated from solvent-soaked rags and cleaning materials.
- Storm water runoff from rain and snow contact with raw materials.
- Drinking water supplier to more than twenty-five (25) employees.
- Wastewater discharges from operational processes.

### IDEM's Role:

- Inquiries show that there are a number of small woodworking manufacturing facilities that are unaware of their environmental regulatory obligations and/or have not obtained the proper environmental operating permits.
- To assist these small businesses, the outreach initiative is established to provide education to the woodworking manufacturing community and an opportunity for those businesses to come into compliance with appropriate environmental requirements. The program is not an inspection and enforcement initiative, but an outreach effort to educate and inform the participants.
- The outreach effort is coordinated by Indiana Department of Environmental Management's confidential compliance and technical assistance staff. The agency staff, by virtue of State law, is required to only assist and can not assess fines and does not charge for the services provided. There is NO requirement to give names or personal information in order to participate in the outreach effort. The outreach efforts are accomplished by individual site visits or by training sessions across the state.

### More Information:

- For questions and concerns, please call IDEM's confidential Compliance and Technical Assistance Program at (800) 988-7901 or locally at (317) 232-8172.
- For more information or confidential technical assistance, call IDEM's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance at (800) 988-7901.
- Submitting a Compliance Initiative Notification Form to IDEM may lower penalties from compliance violations. Call the confidential Compliance and Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) at (317) 232-8172 or (800) 988-7901 to receive a copy of the form.