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## IDEM invites public to hear results of a Southwest Indianapolis air toxics study

Who: Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)

**What:** Southwest Indianapolis Air Toxics Study results presentation

When: 5 p.m. (local time), Thursday, March 11, 2010

Where: Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center, 1920 West Morris Street, Indianapolis

Web site: <u>www.idem.IN.gov</u>

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) invites citizens to the Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center gymnasium at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010, to discuss the results of the Southwest Indianapolis Air Toxics Study. The center is located at 1920 West Morris Street, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

IDEM staff, environmental experts, and neighborhood leaders will be available in an open-house format starting at 5 p.m. IDEM will give a presentation beginning at 5:45 p.m. to explain the study results. Following the presentation, the open-house format will resume to allow more one-on-one discussion with the public.

IDEM assembled and worked with advisory groups concerning technical aspects of the study and public outreach strategies. Members of those advisory groups will be available before and after the results presentation to discuss the study.

Free child care will be provided by the Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for families with children.

The Southwest Indianapolis Air Toxics Study measured air toxics levels in Southwest Indianapolis from 2006 to 2008. The data was analyzed and computer models were used to understand the impact of air toxics on human health throughout the study area.

More information about the study can be found at www.idem.IN.gov/4500.htm.

## About IDEM

IDEM (<u>www.idem.IN.gov</u>) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

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