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Please do not drop restrictions on Indiana rivers and water. The White River is already a mess, please maintain restrictions to preserve them.

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Dear IDEM,

Given the Trump administration's actions toward (i.e., dismantling of) the EPA, it's clear that following federal regulations (which are being removed) won't be enough to protect our homes and health. Hence, I object to Executive Order 25-38 and all other attempts to weaken environmental protections. With more and more heavy industry being developed here (e.g., SK hynix's facility in West Lafayette), even adjacent to residential areas, we need to be more vigilant about pollutants that will potentially sicken generations of residents. Continued expansion of residential areas has also contributed to flooding of basements, even in relatively new neighborhoods. Is the state going to pay for our health care and the damage to our homes? Are the companies?

I urge the state to protect Hoosiers in the long term.

Sincerely,
Ming-Hwi Sun
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West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Abby Johansson](#)
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I am a resident of Indianapolis Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Kim Irwin](#)
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I am writing to provide input as part of the review required by Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38, "Creating Opportunity and Reducing Over-Regulation While Protecting Our Environment."

To be clear, the current burdens, risks and costs associated with Indiana's environmental regulations result from the dearth of policies and practices in place to preserve and protect our natural resources, flora, fauna, people and overall community vitality.

I am concerned that insufficient work has been done on Indiana's climate action plan and that what's been done may be eliminated. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its planning for reducing emissions and preparing for mitigation and resilience in our already changing climate.

Furthermore, the costs of coal, carbon and other pollutants, the mishandling of hazardous and industrial waste, sewer and septic system regulatory failures, the destruction of wetlands and old growth forests and other environmental degradation must all be accounted for in policymaking, given the known personal, community and economic damages that result.

We already see the impact in our increased usage of heating and cooling systems and corresponding utility rates, in the productivity and profitability of our agricultural industries, in human and animal health and disease, in our insurance premiums and direct expenses from damage and destruction, and in our social and civic exchanges.

Air, water and soil pollution are significant factors impacting Hoosiers' health now, and reduced or eliminated regulations will only accelerate the risks of respiratory and cardiovascular disease, contribute to infant mortality, increase rates of allergies and asthma, negatively impact emotional and mental health and cause excess rates of morbidity and mortality.

These things are the true burden on Hoosier's health and wealth. We can't afford further attempts to weaken or repeal environmental protections.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Irwin
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

From: [Rock Emmert](#)
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Green Hydrogen vs Small Nuclear Reactors

I forgot to mention in my comprehensive report that I just emailed within the past 30 minutes that I am opposed to conversion of the coal-fired plants to small nuclear reactors. Because we (Rockport, Indiana, area) are located in a seismic zone, the risk of a long overdue earthquake is significant. Also we have not determined how to properly dispose of the radioactive waste from the nuclear energy.

It seems to me that a major investment in green hydrogen would be a much wiser and cleaner path to take.

Thank you.

Submitted by

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Response to Governor Braun's Environmental Resolutions—especially with Regard to their Effect upon Indiana's Public Health

Dear IDEM officials:

Below is a copy of a lengthy letter and report that I prepared and emailed on June 18, 2025, to my state senator, Daryl Schmitt, from Dubois County, Indiana. I am submitting the same letter and report now as my formal, comprehensive response to Governor Braun's environmental resolutions. It contains a large volume of relevant information focusing primarily on public health and the cumulative work of engaged concerned citizens, including myself, to address these environmental-public health concerns. Our efforts total thousands of volunteer hours.

Needed now more than ever, especially in light of Governor Braun's disturbing and ill-advised resolutions that completely ignore public health, we will continue to advocate for much-needed, greater environmental protections.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Rock Emmert

Submitted on June 30, 2025,
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June 18, 2025, 11:35 am ET

Dear State Senator Schmitt,

Thank you for the lengthy phone conversation this morning.

I've been wanting to thank you for coming to multiple Green Drinks gatherings at St. Benedict's Brew Works in Ferdinand prior to your election, and also for attending our Building Community teach-in on tariffs by John Stocker on June 5—and for staying late that night to talk with several of us, including my fellow Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life (SWICQL) members Mary Hess, Jane Schipp, John, and Kris Lasher (my wife).

I especially appreciate your willingness to listen, learn, and grow as our state senator. In that spirit and since our brief conversation on southwestern Indiana's bottom-ranking environmental and public health ranking, I thought you would appreciate seeing more details regarding the advocacy that our group has been focused on to improve our region's quality of life for at least the past seven years and counting.

We have spent literally thousands of volunteer hours trying to address this issue in a respectful manner. Those before us like University of Southern Indiana chemist Howard Dunn (now 87 years old) have also spent thousands of hours from the 1970s-2000 trying to help the most vulnerable in southwestern Indiana. John Blair and Valley Watch has been another strong advocate for public health in the region.

Also, you mentioned on June 5 that you weren't fully aware of the environmental regulatory rollbacks that Governor Braun has proposed in multiple resolutions and initiatives. I gathered some information that might be helpful.

What follows is Governor Braun's proposals in this first link below, followed by a large volume of other relevant information and some of our concerns as engaged citizens. We are concerned about Indiana's poor record historically and now, under Governor Braun's leadership, our backward direction on the environment and public health, when we already rank among the most polluted of all states.

I've been working on this giant accumulation of information since we spoke. It's a lot to take in, and, of course, I don't expect a quick reply. What I hope can happen is that you will have time to read this material and watch the videos, and that we (several SWICQL members) could then meet with you informally as a group in the coming weeks or even coming months to talk about these issues and see what path(s) to take to find hope for some genuine progress.

I'm sorry I will miss tonight's Talk of the Town gathering in Spencer County. My wife Kris Lasher will be singing the National Anthem at tonight's Bombers game at League Stadium in Huntingburg. I'm glad that SWICQL members Jane Schipp and John Stocker and maybe others will see you at the Spencer County event.

By the way, our next Building Community teach-in—Race Relations Community Discussion—is tomorrow, Juneteenth evening from 6:00 pm to 8:30 at St. Benedict's Brew Works.

Our fourth teach-in is on Thursday, July 24, same time and place, with pre-teach-in music by the popular Troubadours of Divine Bliss. It will focus entirely on southwestern Indiana and our environmental and public health situation.

It is titled "How Does Pollution Harm Children?" and will be facilitated by SWICQL member Norma Kreilein, MD, FAAP. Her teach-in summary is as follows:

Indiana currently ranks second worst in the US in toxic air emissions. This teach-in will address these questions. How does pollution affect infant mortality, low birth weight, and autism? Why is Indiana ranked so poorly if environmental regulations are too stringent? How have California and other states achieved markedly better health outcomes? What is Indiana's pollution costing us?

I hope you can make that one especially. Dr. Kreilein is an unsung hero and treasure in our nation, especially here in the region, for her research, perseverance, and commitment to improve the health and quality of life for children. She has presented peer-reviewed work about southwestern Indiana at national and international conferences, and she is trying to educate and gain advocacy for pollution as a social determinant of children's health from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to study all of this. I look forward to hearing from you.

So that we are all on the same page, I'm CCing all my fellow SWICQL members mentioned in this email.

Wishing you all the best for a safe summer,

Rock Emmert
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GOVERNOR BRAUN'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

<https://www.taftlaw.com/news-events/law-bulletins/indiana-governor-issues-executive-order-reducing-environmental-regulations/>

There is extensive information in this site, with links to Governor Braun's detailed resolutions calling for sweeping deregulation including eliminating any mention of the well-established, fact-based concept of *environmental justice* which would focus on protecting vulnerable communities and would include *environmental sacrifice zones* like southwestern Indiana that for decades has been asked to bear a disproportionate public health burden. *Unfortunately, Governor Braun does not mention public health and climate change.*

See also

https://www.in.gov/idem/files/notice_20250630_eo_25-38.pdf

INDIANA'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RANKING

Under the Republican party's supermajority leadership and Republican governors, Indiana is consistently among the states (currently #2) in the nation and ranks near the bottom in public health, autism, infant mortality, overall quality of life, etc. For example,

1. Indiana leads US in toxic releases per square mile.

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/2021/03/26/indiana-leads-us-in-toxic-releases-per-square-mile-epa-report-states/>

2. Indiana's infant mortality rate is among the worst 10 in the US.

<https://www.wfyi.org/news/articles/indiana-cdc-7th-worst-state-infant-mortality-rate>

3. Indiana has one of the highest rates of autism in the United States, with the southern Indiana counties being alarmingly high, and trending higher. The recent prevalence rate is 1 in 44 children in Indiana. A known cause of autism is an expectant mother's exposure to large volumes of pollution.

<https://www.magnetaba.com/blog/autism-prevalence-in-indiana>

See attached document I created listing a sampling of southwestern Indiana schools' high special education rates.

4. Southwestern Indiana has a concentration of superpolluters among the worst on earth.

www.superpolluters.com

See also my attached county-by-county ranking of toxins released into the air, according to the EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) illustrating how overburdened southwestern Indiana is, how pregnant mothers and children living in this low-lying geographical region cannot escape the exposure to toxic air—and how the state's complete failure to offer any kind of minimal relief is especially egregious, even adding insult to injury as the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) approved the air quality permit for Riverview Energy's massive, \$2.5 billion, 500-acre, first-its-kind-in-the-western-hemisphere, coal-to-diesel, extremely polluting refinery, in Dale, Indiana—Spencer County, which already ranked in the worst one percent (23rd worst out of 3,142 counties, parishes, and Indian reservations) in the US *and* IDEM, using taxpayers' money, vehemently defended Riverview and fought Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life (SWICQL) in court for over four years. See <https://earthjustice.org/press/2023/riverview-energy-loses-its-permit-for-indiana-coal-to-diesel-refinery> and noc2d.com.

5. Indiana leads the nation in toxic chemical releases.

<https://valpolakes.org/2021/03/30/indiana-leads-nation/>

6. Indiana has the most polluted rivers and streams of any state.

<https://www.wfyi.org/news/articles/report-indiana-has-the-most-polluted-rivers-streams-of-any-state>

7. Indiana ranks high, per capita, in greenhouse gas emissions, being first in the Midwest, and eighth in the US.
<https://www.hecweb.org/issues/sustainable-economy/climate-action/>

GOVERNOR BRAUN'S RESPONSE TO INDIANA'S BOTTOM RANKING

These dismal, embarrassing indicators of our state's failure to act responsibly form the backdrop of the Braun administration's shocking doubling down on harmful policies and even attempting to undo what few protections and safeguards we have. Specifically, it is inconceivable and reprehensible that Governor Braun ignores

1. the overwhelming scientific consensus of human-caused climate change from largely unchecked burning of fossil fuel, releasing exorbitant volumes of harmful greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Catastrophic effects, many which we are already witnessing, are the result, and the urgency to severely reduce our carbon footprint is dire.

2. Indiana's dismal, bottom-ranking environmental record under governor-controlled Indiana Department of Environmental Management and Indiana Department of Health *and our, especially southwestern Indiana's extremely high volumes of pollution's effects on public health*. Under governor-controlled Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and Indiana State Board of Health (ISBH), Indiana fails to meaningfully monitor its pollution and (unbelievably) does not track childhood illnesses, infant mortality, and autism by proximity to pollution sources.

By design—in stark contrast to other states—Indiana provides no agency or mechanism to adequately track cancer clusters, autism clusters, high infant mortality clusters, etc. Families are on their own. Concerned citizens asking for assistance when dealing with rare, environmentally caused illnesses, will get little if any relief or interest from their own government. Instead relevant government agencies will typically fight citizens at every turn and deny there is any environmental or public health problem whatsoever.

LITIGATION COSTLY, RARELY SUCCESSFUL FOR CITIZENS GROUPS IN INDIANA

Indiana is ranked at or near the bottom in environmental and public health not by accident. See my attached slide presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Minneapolis on October 28, 2024. Citizens and citizen groups almost never win in court—zero wins in 10 years when citizens must fund and provide scientific evidence. The burden of proof placed upon citizens groups to refute IDEM's scientists and modeling methods and mathematics is insurmountable and grossly cost prohibitive. IDEM's scientists and modelers can routinely use questionable modeling and other practices to assure that any air pollution permit will be granted and cannot subsequently be called into question by citizens.

Also unfortunate and a red flag (indicating the potential for a lack of judicial independence) to citizens' groups is the fact that the governor also appoints the three Office of Environmental Adjudication judges.

The only state-level court that historically has ruled more favorably for citizens' groups' is the Indiana Court of Appeals—if groups can survive years in litigation. (See attached SWICQL legal brief from June of 2023 for the culmination of our case. We won the battle before the Court of Appeals heard the case in August of 2023, when IDEM finally voided Riverview's permit after years of broken promises from Riverview President Greg Merle and only a tiny 8' x 10' shed that he and IDEM counted as "significant construction" for many months.)

PREVALENCE OF FRANKLIN, INDIANA, PEDIATRIC CANCERS

A prime example or case in point is Franklin, Indiana, where Indiana government failed to protect its children when a high volume of pediatric cancers was revealed not by state agencies but by mothers, led by Kari Rhinehart, who were often ignored and dismissed by state agencies and elected officials. See

CBS news coverage
https://youtu.be/yNzhCRbsvxs?si=l_JipL0wvdi0eiMP

Kari Rhinehart interview/podcast
https://youtu.be/qvHESYv77zQ?si=49oAM7ajBlzd_5jx

<https://www.wfyi.org/news/articles/founder-of-franklin-group-to-speak-at-protest-over-how-epa-prevents-investigates-cancer-clusters>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/seeking-to-solve-a-pediatric-cancer-mystery-johnson-county-indiana/>

<https://vitalsigns.edf.org/story/you-cant-undo-grieving-mom-urges-lawmakers-not-overturn-ban-cancer-causing-chemical-tce>

Typical state agency reaction
https://youtu.be/JASP73Y9iu4?si=vrWZ_Fkzvq5_hEjb

In Indiana, industrial profit consistently takes priority over public health.

The Braun administration says nothing about these two elephants in the room (public health and climate change), nor do the two taxpayer-funded public agencies, whose leaders are appointed by the governor, meaningfully address them. Deference is always given to polluting industries.

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

IDEM's mission statement mentions human health: *The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) mission is to implement federal and state regulations to protect human health and the environment while allowing the environmentally sound operations of industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental activities vital to a prosperous economy.*

<https://www.in.gov/idem/about/#:~:text=The%20Indiana%20Department%20of%20Environmental,vital%20to%20a%20prosperous%20economy>.

However, IDEM does not employ any medical doctors to address pollution's effect on human tissue, on public health. Citizens paying attention have come to know that IDEM serves industry. Its role is akin to a statewide Chamber of Commerce, not a protector of human health.

It's challenging hearing Governor Braun tout initiatives to "Make Indiana Healthy Again" while his environmental policies stand in direct opposition to improvements in our environmental ranking and subsequent health outcomes.

Today's significant federal and state roll backs of already ineffective, existing, pro-industry safeguards are unconscionable: more people, especially children and the elderly, will suffer and die.

SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA CITIZENS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE (SWICQL)

President: Mary Hess

Vice-president: Rock Emmert

Secretary-treasurer: Jane Schipp

Monitor committee leader: Abbie Brockman

Other heavily involved members involving government liaison and public relations: John Stocker and Kris Lasher

Many other regional community members are involved in multiple roles and pending grants related to regenerative agriculture, solar energy, Ohio Valley environmental history, mapping illness clusters, community art murals, comprehensive community planning, research, education, etc.

SWICQL website: noc2d.com

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1AccxyFXBU/>

YouTube Channel:

<https://youtube.com/@swicql?si=NKlxOsUMZX3xhrx8>

REACTIVE FOCUS

From 2018 to 2023, our advocacy for public health and environment focused on *reacting* to and stopping the Riverview Energy coal-to-diesel refinery construction in Dale.

In litigation, with Earthjustice representing SWICQL, SWICQL learned during discovery that IDEM issued Riverview's coal-to-diesel refinery permit even though IDEM officials knew the refinery's benzene emissions (a known carcinogen) would exceed the state's own protective policy/regulation 13 times—a fact that alone would have stopped the permit in 12 other states according to Indy Star research journalist Sarah Bowman. Later, SWICQL learned that instead of addressing the problem and meaningfully protecting children (vs protecting heavy industry), state officials simply removed the language from its policy statement.

Attached is our Court of Appeal legal brief filed on June 26, 2023

 [6-26-23 Community Groups' Reply & Cross-Appellee Brief.pdf](#)

Victory in August 2023

<https://earthjustice.org/press/2023/riverview-energy-loses-its-permit-for-indiana-coal-to-diesel-refinery>

CURRENT, PROACTIVE FOCUS

Since our victory in 2023, we have been engaged in multiple *proactive/preventative* activities and grant writing, largely with officials from Indiana University's Center for Rural Engagement and Environmental Resilience Institute,

On October 28, 2024, four members of SWICQL were honored to give an official, peer-reviewed presentation for 90 minutes to doctors, other healthcare officials, etc., at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota—on the sobering topic of southwestern Indiana's 50-year-long fight for clean air and water and the state's continual unfounded denial of any adverse health effects.

Here are the presenters and their abstracts for the APHA Annual Meeting:

Jessica Blazier (administrative assistant and community leader in Bloomfield, Indiana, and parent whose son is dealing with multiple health challenges adversely influenced by our poor environment)

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2024/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/560543>

Rock Emmert (retired teacher from Ferdinand, Indiana, vice-president of Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life)

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2024/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/560542>

SEE ATTACHED SLIDE PRESENTATION

Mary Hess (retired US postal worker from Dale, Indiana, president of Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of Life)

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2024/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/560544>

Norma Kreilein, MD, FAAP (native of Ferdinand, Indiana, pediatrician in Illinois, formerly pediatrician in southwestern Indiana, APHA delegation/team leader, long-time, multi-published advocate for meaningful, stricter environmental policies and effective enforcement, in

southwestern Indiana and other sacrifice zones, that protect children's health)

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2024/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/560541>

National podcast (100 public radio stations) with host David DeRose, American Indian and Alaskan Native Living. Dr. DeRose approached us after our presentation and invited us to be interviewed for his radio program that focuses on giving a voice to vulnerable communities.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3PcbVqgnwL4tYZFPuIEuPj?si=hIJZQLGLQx-A9HDG4YC7QA>

Several SWICQL members including Mary Hess, Abbie Brockman, Jessica Blazier, Norma Kreilein, MD, FAAP, Jane Schipp, Rock Emmert in April 2025 were interviewed by journalists from the Associated Press about what the effects of President Trump's rollbacks of environmental protections and weakening the EPA will mean for children and adult citizens living in already heavily polluted areas (sacrifice zones).

Here are the AP articles, featuring SWICQL's Mary Hess, Dr. Norma Kreilein, Abbie Brockman, and Jessica Blazier, released on or shortly after June 5, 2025:

Main story:

<https://apnews.com/article/epa-zeldin-pollution-rules-analysis-savings-health-0a289aec2507ed38d386680afdd0ea45>

Two pieces that detail how the AP did their analysis and a summary of the findings:

<https://apnews.com/article/epa-rules-rollbacks-emissions-ap-methodology-06a7688a569ec7c5e48d8a7b9aad77d8>

<https://apnews.com/article/epa-rollbacks-trump-zeldin-pollution-rules-emissions-49a396a37a2080ad3f93e20adbcb1fd>

Final AP article, focusing on the monitoring work of SWICQL'S Abbie Brockman, teacher at Perry Central High School:

<https://apnews.com/article/epa-greenhouse-gas-emissions-reporting-pollution-indiana-f950d8bb3a33582a7d8b6fd5ce2ab2b7>

 [Rock Emmert APHA Presentation October 28 2024.pptx](#)

 [SW Indiana Special Education Rates.docx](#)

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IDEM,

I am writing as an appalled resident of Indianapolis upon reading Mike Braun's series of executive orders focused on deregulation in advancement of the economy. In particular, EO 25-38 relies heavily on the existing federal government's regulations, which Braun knows fully well that the Trump administration has been gutting. Indiana must stand strong in protecting our natural spaces from extraction and pollution.

I currently live in the Castleton area of Indianapolis. My apartment complex is near the beautiful White River, however, we are literally downstream from the more affluent Carmel's waste water treatment plant. The entire area smells sickly of chemicals, yet I witness the local community splash, fish and recreate in the waters. Any other deregulatory policies to water treatment and the potential for hazardous waste, and industrial stormwater drain runoff is a DIRECT attack on our communities.

I have witnessed the crossing of environmental and community suffering my whole life. I am originally from the downriver area of Detroit, Michigan, where the rivers, lakes and wetlands are at constant threat from industrial dumping and pollution. There have been violators of the state's epa laws who get slaps on the wrists and extended timelines to address their dumping - all while these natural environments get decimated while we wait (along with the protections waters and wetlands offer of natural water filtration, leveying major storms, biodiversity, recreation...). Regarding EO 25-50 and EO 25-48, I lived in the area where one of the top gas emitting coal plants is still in use (our communities have high rates of asthma and cancer) and where the Fermi I reactor had a meltdown in 1966. The current water-cooled Fermi II reactor discharges nuclear waste into Lake Erie. Everyone who cannot afford to live in a safe distance from the reactor are fully aware that they would not survive an emergency, despite the energy provider's supposed "emergency plan".

Those who bear the environmental brunt of industry are always the most at risk communities and natural environments - and there is no coincidence that the most at risk live near industrial polluters. Do not threaten the health and well being of our communities any more than the federal government has already done.

Very sincerely,
Lauren Suchyta-Korany

From: [Mark Suchyta](#)
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Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 10:00:07 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am an environmental scientist at Butler University asking you to oppose/reconsider Executive Order 25-38, "Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation". The language of this order suggests that limiting environmental policy in our state to only compliance with rock-bottom federal regulations is good for business.

This policy is very short-sided as it limits the state's ability to adapt to the costly long-term threats of air, water, and soil pollution on our state's citizens, businesses, agriculture, and wildlife, the resources which make our state what it is. Many federal environmental standards, such as those previously set regarding acceptable levels of "forever" chemicals such as PFAS, have been found to be woefully inadequate, allowing Americans to be exposed to what extensive scientific studies deem to be dangerously high levels. States can play important roles in protecting their citizens from widespread or more localized environmental hazards when the federal government fails to do so. This executive order handcuffs our state's experts and agencies from adapting to changing conditions and emerging environmental threats. This puts the state's workforce at risk, as well as its businesses, agriculture, wildlife, etc. Furthermore, limiting environmental regulation to what is required at the federal levels impinges on the state's rights, which I know is very important to the governor. Indiana isn't California or Alabama---one size environmental policy does not fit all.

I ask that you please oppose this order and discuss it further with the governor so that the state is able to adapt to its environmental needs. We can be a leader in environmental protection and remediation--we don't need to (continue to) be among the worst state in terms of environmental quality (and education and health, too, for that matter)

Thank you for your time,
Mark Suchyta, PhD

From: [William Finney](#)
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Subject: Please Rescind Executive Order 25-38
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 9:56:55 PM
Attachments: [Land Ethic Consideration.docx](#)

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Dear IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

W Brice Finney
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Dear Governor Braun and IDEM Official:

A “Land Ethic” consideration of Executive Order 25-38. Late Winter this year I seized the opportunity to put my canoe in and float our neighborhood stretch of the White River. It was one of those ephemeral, beautiful warm sunny weekends in late February, which can be wonderfully characteristic in Indiana. I glided through miles of emerging stoneflies, one of only two winter aquatic insect hatches in Indiana rivers and streams. This hatch is perfectly timed and eagerly awaited by the riparian ecological community signaling the end of the long austere winter nights and of the promise of longer days and abundance of Spring and Summer. I settled into the rhythm of the river and the Indian Summer. I mused about how far we have come in Indiana from the White River of my childhood; as one of the most polluted in the United State and to the White River now. Where the presence and numbers of aquatic insects such as stoneflies represent the top species indicator for water quality and river / stream health. It made me proud of our accomplishment and evidence of a cultural paradigm shift to a truly right and better “land Ethic” described very eloquently by Aldo Leopold.

Excerpts From: "A Sand County Almanac and The Land Ethic by Aldo Leopold 1949"

“Conservation is getting nowhere because it is incompatible with our Abrahamic concept of land. We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.”

"The 'key-log' which must be moved to release the evolutionary process for an ethic is simply this: quit thinking about decent land-use as solely an economic problem. Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and esthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient. A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Please consider rescinding Executive Order 25-38 for the following two reasons:

- 1) It is not consistent with a land ethic as described above and is a step backward to the old exclusively economically expedient considerations for natural (water) resources use and management.
- 2) Speaker of the House Tip O’Neil is often credited with the saying, “All politics is local.” I believe local communities should be able to set their own higher standard for any use or activity that could be inconsistent with the community’s sense of a land ethic. Especially, given that many State and Federal regulation standards are floors not to fall below, and rightly so, but do not demand the high standard of an ethic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Excerpt From: "Laudato Si"

Saint Pope John Paul II became increasingly concerned about this issue. In his first Encyclical he warned that human beings frequently seem "to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption".

"Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker"

(Wis 13:5)

Very Respectfully,

W. Brice Finney

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It's better for the majority of the people to have as many safeholds and regulations as possible for the environment. Braun and the rest of his pro-business base can wait until everything is cleared. Why endanger the public by hurrying up to add another six zeros in their business bank account?

Keep all regulations, do not modify or take any away. Stop screwing around with environment. Do not appease someone who doesn't care about anything besides money.

Jenn

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Please DO NOT roll back air and water protections. We all depend on a healthy environment, there are no exceptions from that rule.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

1. RE Executive Order 25-38, "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation": Indiana's environmental regulations, as they exist, albeit weakened in recent years by conflicted politicians, exist to benefit the public, by also benefiting nature. The people of Indiana and nature are in alignment, in that what benefits the environment also benefits the people. The same cannot be said for business. That is, one cannot say that what benefits business benefits the people.
2. Therefore, and lacking any rational and objective argument to the contrary, there is no such thing as "excessive environmental regulation" to begin with, and certainly not in Indiana. Indiana has no environmental regulations which are "unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment." Such an assertion is preposterous, and is itself unsupported. The preponderance of evidence, based upon the best available science, clearly shows that Indiana needs more and better environmental regulation, because the quality of key parts of our environment (surface water, air quality, etc) are substandard.
3. History clearly shows that environmental regulations, such as they are, have done an excellent job in protecting Indiana's environment and therefore public health and welfare. Environmental regulations place no "burden" upon business. To make that claim is patently absurd and foolish. The costs to business by environmental regulations are just that: The costs of doing business. If a business cannot profit without unduly and wantonly polluting the environment and being detrimental to the public health and welfare, that business shouldn't exist.
4. Indiana is one of 50 states and various territories. All of them are different, and all of them are different than Washington D.C. Therefore, Hoosier legislators have always had the wisdom to enact laws and regulations which Indiana needs. The U.S. Congress and the executive branch have never told Indiana that it needs to lessen its environmental protections. Therefore, the Governor's concern about environmental regulations which "exceed an applicable federal requirement or limitation" is baseless, pointless, at odds with Indiana's constitution and legislative system and history, and begs the questions: What does Governor Braun think a state is, and is he opposed to federalism?
5. Executive Order 25-06, "Creation of the Office of Energy and Natural Resources": Governor Braun has been outspoken about shrinking government. He's certainly shrunk the Indiana State Library, for example. Why is he creating a new bureaucracy? Indiana already has agencies that perform the functions of this office. Offhand, one would guess that its purpose is to boost the extraction and use of fossil fuels, particularly coal, and boost those businesses too of course. Gov. Braun is leveraging government to pick winners, as his predecessor used the IEDC to do. Boosting fossil fuels, particularly coal, harms the

environment and the public health and welfare.

6. Executive Order 25-49, "Encouraging Practical Approaches to Climate and Energy Solutions by Rejecting Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases and Climate Action Plans" (??): Where to start. EO 25-38 claims to target environmental regulations "not supported by current law and the best available science." Federal climate policies, at least those in existence at the beginning of this year, are current law, and were devised by the best available science. Gov. Braun wishes to have his cake and eat it too. His agenda is ideological, not based upon science. It is, in fact, anti-science.

7. Executive Order 25-50, "Ensuring Economic Opportunity and Indiana's Energy Future by Supporting Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation and Assessing Natural Gas Supplies" simply exacerbates existing problems of pollution related to those energy sources, particularly coal. Coal as an energy source is the worst driver of climate change of all energy sources. Climate change is becoming increasingly expensive for Hoosiers, and that process will increase exponentially, the more so if coal continues to be used for power generation.

Thank you and keep up the good work at IDEM. Because your mission has nothing to do with coddling, babysitting, or placating polluters.

Gary W. Moody
Fishable Indiana Streams for Hoosiers (FISH), Inc.

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Hello,

If it's not too late, I just want to say that, in a state that regularly rates as one of the worst in the country for air pollution, water pollution, etc., I think our environmental regulations should be as stringent as possible. I think the greatest possible burden on me, a resident of Indiana, would be to have to live in an increasingly polluted state that is going to give me cancer. Any business concerns should have to accommodate themselves to the health and wellbeing of residents, not the other way around.

Thanks,
Erin Chandler

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Dear Governor Braun,

Thank you for soliciting input about environmental regulations.

Environmental regulations and policies are critical to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of our communities and environment.

Given the recent rapid increase in heavy industry coming to Indiana--including semiconductor manufacturing in West Lafayette--it is more important than ever to be increasing environmental protections, rather than weakening or eliminating them.

Thank you,

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Dear Governor Braun & IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

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Please accept the comments below of Larry Kane, Carmel, IN, which I approve and wish to be accepted as my comments concerning my belief that the Governor's Executive Order 25-38 will have deleterious impacts on Indiana's environment.

Comments on Gov. Braun's Executive Order 25-38, Which Undermines State

Environmental Regulations that Are More Stringent than an Applicable Federal

Requirement or Limitation or May Be Otherwise Considered Objectionable Background

In March, 2025, Governor Braun issued Executive Order 25-38 which does the following:

1. It prohibits the State of Indiana from adopting any new environmental rule that is

more stringent than an applicable federal requirement or limit, unless explicitly

required by State law or deemed necessary by the Governor.

2. Requires state regulatory agencies that are responsible for environmental

regulations to identify state environmental regulations and policies that are (i)

unduly burdensome, (ii) significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers,

(iii) are not supported by current law and the best available science, or

(iv)

do not benefit Indiana's environment.

3. Requires review of any existing state environmental rules that exceed an

explicable federal requirement or limitation without explicit direction to do so in Indiana Code. The review must result in a report concerning all such existing state rules that provides an explanation of why the state rule is more

stringent than federal standards, whether this higher standard is necessary to protect human health or the environment, or otherwise benefits the community being regulated. This Executive Order (referred to herein as EO 25-38) embodies concepts that have become known as “no more stringent than federal standards” (referring to state environmental rules), which were sought unsuccessfully from the state legislature by Indiana’s industrial sector for around 30 years until 2017 when HEA 1082 became law after the General Assembly overrode Gov. Pence’s veto. HEA 1082 provides that any proposed environmental rule that imposes a requirement or restriction more stringent than that imposed under federal law shall not become effective until the adjournment of the General Assembly session that follows IDEM’s notice of the proposed rule. Presumably, this delay in the effectiveness of such a proposed rule is to allow the General Assembly an opportunity to enact legislation barring finalization of the proposed rule. Now, Gov. Braun has issued EO 25-38, which in some respects is more restrictive than HEA 1082. For example, EO 25-83 absolutely bars adoption of a state environmental rule more stringent than federal law (subject to limited exceptions) rather than merely delaying effectiveness of such a rule for several months. It also requires a review of existing environmental rules to assess whether they fall within one of the objectionable criteria listed in paragraph 2, above, or are more stringent than federal law, and, if so, whether such a rule is nonetheless justified. This policy of “no more stringent than federal standards” may superficially sound attractive at first blush but on closer examination is flawed. First, the “no more stringent

than EPA” policy assumes implicitly that the federal government – principally, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -- is omniscient on all forms and issues of needed environmental regulation. In other words, this policy denigrates

state

environmental agencies as implicitly inferior to EPA in discernment concerning essential environmental regulation.

Second, this policy concept ignores the challenge confronting EPA in setting

environmental quality standards that must make sense for the broad variety of physical

habitats, climatic conditions, and endemic wildlife that exist over the 50 states. It further

ignores the possibility that a particular state may have an area containing unique or at

least somewhat unique habitats or unique wildlife forms that require more stringent

protection than is provided by EPA standards that do not take such unique habitats or

wildlife into account. Similarly, a state may have an area with unusual soils or rock

strata that naturally contain minerals or other substances with higher levels of toxicity

than occur in the great majority of states which are not addressed by EPA standards.

The point of these hypothetical examples is that EPA, as good as it has been, is not

omniscient and cannot be assumed to have considered and adequately addressed all

possible environmental quality threats of significance that may exist. This is why the “no

more stringent than EPA” policy is short-sighted and, ultimately, represents bad

environmental policy.

Moreover, the particular statement of the “no more stringent than EPA” articulated in the

Governor’s EO 25-38 is flawed in the ways that it supposedly identifies overly stringent

state rules. For example, consider the second bullet which pinpoints a rule that

“significantly raises the cost of living” of Hoosiers as suspect as overly stringent. But

employing this factor alone disregards the possibility that, while the hypothetical state

environmental standard in question may significantly raise the cost of living (setting

aside the point that “significantly” is a rather vague term), that higher cost may

substantially benefit Indiana’s environment or human health and might be supported by

best available science.

Another example of flawed articulation of the “no more stringent than EPA” policy exists

in the third bullet. There, a state rule that is more stringent than a corresponding federal rule is suspect if it is not supported by a state statute that explicitly requires the higher degree of stringency. However, it is certainly possible that such a hypothetical state rule may well be implicitly directed by a state statute though not explicitly directed.

One example illustrates the potential downsides of the policy expressed in EO 25-38. In

2004, the Indiana General Assembly adopted legislation to protect isolated wetlands,

which are wetlands without a direct surface connection to “waters of the United States”

as defined under the federal Clean Water Act. Pursuant to the state legislation, the

Indiana Department of Environmental Management adopted rules to supplement the

statutory protections. Over the past few years, the General Assembly has been

chipping away at the protections provided by state law for isolated wetlands since these

protections interfere with development of such lands for other purposes, such as

housing developments or commercial or industrial facilities. Since isolated wetlands

are not protected at all under federal law and since real estate developers are eager to

utilize every available acre of undeveloped land, it can be anticipated that Indiana’s

remaining legal protections for isolated wetlands will land on the chopping block under

EO 25-38. Such a result would be an environmental tragedy since isolated wetlands

provide unique habitats for a number of wildlife species and more than 90% of Indiana’s

natural wetlands already have been lost to farmland drainage and development. 327

IAC 17 and the underlying state statute should be maintained or made more protective.

So, I respectfully object to Governor Braun’s Executive Order 25-38 as a flawed

concept, as discussed above, and oppose its application to Indiana’s environmental

laws, whether those addressing isolated wetlands or other subjects.

Instead, I respectfully request that EO 25-38 be withdrawn and a revised policy be more thoughtfully considered by a balanced taskforce of experts representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including environmentalists.

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Attached are Peabody comments on IDEM's request for public input on evaluation of existing regulations. If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at the email or numbers below. Thank you.

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**Re: Executive Order 25-38
Evaluation of Existing Regulations
Peabody Comments**

On May 28, 2025 the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requested stakeholder input to identify state environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's Environment. Peabody is providing comment herein on those regulations that significantly impact the Indiana coal industry and when improperly implemented, inherently increase the cost of mining, energy, and living in the State of Indiana.

Peabody is a private sector coal company that has four active operations and eleven inactive operations in various phases of reclamation in the state of Indiana. These coal mining facilities operate within the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting programs and are directly impacted by State and Federal regulations therein. In the following comments, Peabody has identified both regulations that are burdensome and more stringent than specifically required by Federal regulation and regulations that are important to maintaining regulatory efficiency for the coal industry.

Clean Water Act Dredge and Fill Regulations: Coal mining operations in the State of Indiana are required to obtain both Federal 404 Dredge and Fill Permits and State 401 Water Quality Certifications for impacts to jurisdictional waters. These permitting programs operate within the Federal 404(b)(1) guidelines, also known as the Compensatory Mitigation Regulations. Federal implementation of this permitting program in the State of Indiana has grown increasingly burdensome to the point that it is adversely impacting Indiana industries, government agencies, and citizens.

The coal industry has reclaimed, restored, and preserved thousands of acres of wetlands and streams in the State of Indiana. The mining industry's relationship to the compensatory mitigation framework is unique as a result of several factors, such as the size and scale of the facilities, the fact that the location and magnitude of impacts are predetermined by the location of the mineral resources, and the frequent use of a combination of mitigation banks, onsite and offsite permittee responsible mitigation, and in-kind and out-of-kind mitigation. The following are some examples of the regulations' more burdensome requirements and impractical application to mining projects.

Compensatory mitigation sites are often constructed on property owned by the permittee. Federal agencies are requiring long-term protection instruments be placed on compensatory mitigation sites that sterilize Indiana properties and prohibit any future modification or use. The agencies are requiring the protection instruments be in the form of a conservation easement. The first issue with this is that conservation easements are required to be held by either government agencies or 501(c)(3) nonprofit

organizations as specified by Indiana Code IC 32-23-5. However, in cases where the permittee is the landowner of the site, the law currently does not allow the permittee to hold the easement. This action significantly reduces the value of the private property as well as adds a high cost to the permittee to secure a suitable party and fund potential work unnecessarily into perpetuity. The cost is even higher when the potential third party is aware the area is being mandated through the issuance of a 404 permit. This action is further complicated and costly when the third party is required to be secured prior to the mitigation and monitoring being started, much less completed.

Introduction of a third-party into the mitigation process makes the successful placement of a conservation easement dependent on the timing of recording. During the mitigation monitoring and reporting period, the permittee is constantly gauging the success of the mitigation construction and adjusting management practices to ensure the sites are progressing towards success. It is not practical to introduce a third-party that is responsible for the sites' long-term protection during this period for several practical and legal reasons. It has been Peabody's experience that the well-established third-parties are reluctant to accept the responsibility of a conservation easement prior to proving performance standards are being met. This is because the conservation easement makes the third-party legally responsible for a site that, during the period of monitoring and reporting, is nothing more than a tract of land that shows potential to be a conservation site. Once the permittee is able to prove success with performance standards and receives concurrence from Federal agencies, long term protection can be secured much more easily because the site officially becomes worthy of long-term protection.

Additionally, involving a third-party during the monitoring and reporting period unnecessarily complicates the ability of the applicant to conduct the monitoring and maintenance that may be necessary to meet performance standards. The conservation easement restricts access to the site and severely limits the management practices that can be performed. Further, conservation easements often require approval of management plans from multiple parties before activities can be performed. This only encumbers the site management during the period of monitoring and reporting. There are many conflicts between the conservation easement restrictions and the repair, maintenance and monitoring tasks that need to be performed. These conflicts will either need to be ignored or additional time and resources spent to abide by the terms. Neither of these options are suitable business practices.

The site receives equivalent protection during the period of monitoring and reporting without a conservation easement in place at all. The permittee and expert consultants must visit the site several times during the year to conduct monitoring and maintenance activities. These onsite visits are equivalent or better than what would be required of a conservation easement holder. The permittee is also incentivized for ongoing site protection during this period from a cost perspective to prevent additional maintenance and monitoring costs.

Placement of a conservation easement on a mitigation property prior to meeting success standards also complicates and prevents potential future transfer to State and Federal agencies. It is Peabody's belief that title transfer to a State or Federal entity provides the most sustainable protection from a long-term management standpoint and this opportunity needs to exist until the site is ready for monitoring release. At this point, the public entities can properly assess the sites and their interest in acquiring the properties. Transfer of a site prior to meeting success standards is implausible because when a site is transferred to a State or Federal agency it is immediately subjected to potential access by the public. Public access and visitation threatens the success of the mitigation performance. Also, as was discussed above with third-parties, a mitigation tract that has not proven to be successful inherently brings liability and reduced value to the State and Federal agencies that are responsible for conservation of natural

resources. This makes it difficult to transfer a mitigation property to a State or Federal agency prior to proving mitigation success. Furthermore, application of a conservation easement prior to transfer to the State or Federal agency only complicates the transfer or sale of the property by severely restricting the owners' rights. Peabody's internal and external counsel have warned against placement and removal of conservation easements on lands due to the legal complexities it presents.

A recent example of successful mitigation transfer to State and Federal conservation agencies can be seen in the transfer of 3,950 acres of forests, marshland, and upland habitat to Indiana DNR. This included offsite stream and wetland mitigation associated with the Bear Run Mine 404 Permit. The Busseron Creek Fish and Wildlife Area was transferred and protected through a collaboration with the Conservation Law Center and its Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape initiative, The Conservation Fund, and The Nature Conservancy. State and Federal agencies involved with the transfer and site protection included Indiana DNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Navy. In this instance, the Restrictive Covenants of Conservation were put in place upon review and agreement by the responsible agencies and after the mitigation had met performance standards and been deemed successful. Peabody wants to preserve this option for similar land transfers for all future mitigation areas.

For these reasons, Peabody believes Indiana laws and regulations should be modified to protect permittees from this impractical application of Federal regulations on Indiana lands. One potential solution is to allow private companies to hold conservation easements. This would allow a permittee to hold the easement during the period of construction, monitoring, and maintenance and manage the mitigation site while it is progressing towards success. This would also allow the permittee to terminate the conservation easement in the event it is necessary for a future transfer of the site to a State or Federal agency. Peabody would be receptive to other avenues for regulatory change that lead to a similar result. The overall goal of these changes should be to protect Indiana businesses from the Federal overreach of the 404 permitting program.

Coal Mining NPDES General Permit: The majority of coal mining facilities in Indiana qualify for the NPDES General Permit, which is outlined in regulation at 327 IAC 15-7. The existing State regulation is similar to the Federal Effluent Limit Guidelines (ELG) located at 40 CFR 434. Peabody fully supports the use of a general NPDES permit program for coal mining in Indiana. The use of general permits streamlines the permit application, modification, and termination process. This is extremely important for the mining industry because, as will be explained below, mining operations are dynamic and in a constant state of change as the operation moves across the landscape extracting coal resources.

Mining facilities often have several NPDES outfalls and onsite treatment facilities are typically in the form of sediment basins, sumps, diversions, and implementation of best management practices as required by State regulations at 312 IAC 25. Unlike many other industries, mining facilities are constantly advancing into new areas, requiring ongoing modification to existing outfalls and construction of new outfalls. This necessitates an efficient permitting framework, which the Indiana General Permit provides for. The General Permit allows for timely processing of the Notice of Intent document, identifying the changes that are needed at a facility. Peabody is a company that operates in several different States, some of which require individual NPDES permits. These State permitting programs are often characterized by delays, permit backlog, and permits existing in "administrative extension". However, these programs do not offer any additional environmental protections. The NPDES General Permit regulates the primary pollutants of concern at coal mining facilities and provides adequate protection to aquatic life in receiving streams.

Peabody is aware of the current revision process for the Indiana General Permit. Peabody generally supports the current process to update this permit to ensure Indiana's aquatic resources are adequately protected. However, IDEM must ensure that any updates to pollutants of concern, sampling frequencies, or effluent limits are adequately justified, necessary, and cost-efficient. Coal mining operations in Indiana have been monitored extensively since the initial assumption of the permit program by the State. These operations monitor under both NPDES and mine permit programs and thus have extensive knowledge of upstream and downstream surface water quality, groundwater quality, and NPDES outfall quality. The water quality data consistently shows that the current State permitting programs are adequately protecting the beneficial uses of receiving streams. Therefore, any updates to the General Permit must be precise and with purpose or they will simply be a waste of industry resources.

Coal Utility Regulations: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) recently announced the agency's "Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative", in which USEPA identified several utility regulations that will be reconsidered including, but not limited to, the Clean Power Plan 2.0, the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, and the ELGs for the Steam Electric Power Generating Industry. In separate announcements USEPA has identified several other regulations and guidance for reconsideration including the coal ash program and legacy ash impoundment rule, the regional haze program, and the Biden administration's Social Cost of Carbon. As these regulations are reevaluated and in some cases rewritten into proposed and final rules, it will be important for Indiana agencies to continue to review and implement Federal rule changes in associated State regulations. Several of these aforementioned rules had indirect but significant impacts on the coal industry through over-regulation of the utility industry. Peabody supports the current administration's efforts to identify and revise unnecessary and overly-burdensome regulations that have been imposed on the utility and fossil fuel industries.

Peabody appreciates the opportunity to comment on IDEM's evaluation of existing regulations. If you have any questions regarding any of the issues discussed above, please contact James Boswell at (812) 922-1044 or jboswell@peabodyenergy.com.

Sincerely,



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Regarding public input on Indiana regulations: this state need to protect the environment more than it is doing now or plans to do. The bare federal minimum is not nearly enough. Once a resource is lost or polluted, it is forever damaged.

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Please see attached for comments in regards to Executive Order 25-38, Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation.

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RE: Comments on Executive Order 25-38 for Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation

The Indiana Energy Association ("IEA") appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in response to Gov. Braun's Executive Order 25-38, "Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation."

The IEA is a trade association that represents Indiana's investor-owned electric utilities and local distribution gas companies.

IEA members have reviewed the state's environmental regulations and policies and have identified a few items that may be unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment. A description of these issues is included in Attachment A to this letter.

In addition, even if the current law or regulation does not meet the standards above, there is a potential for individual permit requirements to be more stringent than necessary. Therefore, IEA members request that IDEM ensure that individual applicant permit requirements are not established that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment.

We appreciate that IDEM permitting staff are often available to discuss these issues and reach solutions that benefit the environment while minimizing costs for our customers. In the infrequent circumstances where these solutions cannot be reached, IEA members would appreciate the ability to elevate these circumstances to IDEM management to ensure that requirements are supported by law and minimize costs going forward.



Finally, IEA notes that federal Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") regulations can often be unduly burdensome and raise costs for our customers. In such cases, IEA requests IDEM to take advantage of any flexibility afforded under federal regulations when developing rules and permit conditions required to implement the federal programs, including granting appropriate exceptions to minimize the costs of such regulations on customers, while also protecting the environment.

Please contact us with any questions about Attachment A. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew B. Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and last name "Long" being clearly legible, and "B." in the middle.

Matthew Long
Vice President

Attachment A

IEA Comments to IDEM June 30, 2025

Air

Indiana should harmonize CO monitoring regulations

Full harmonization of CO monitors with 40 CFR 75 would allow each unit's continuous emissions monitors system (CEMS) to be subject to one set of rules for maintaining, validating, testing, and all-around operation of the CEMS while still being just as accurate as the Part 60 provisions. Full harmonization would eliminate the need for sources to adhere to multiple sets of rules for maintaining, validating, testing, and operating. By aligning with 40 CFR 75, which already includes rigorous quality assurance and quality control tests to ensure the accurate and reliable reporting of emissions, Indiana's CEMS operations would maintain the same level of accuracy as required by 40 CFR 60.

Currently, the NO_x and O₂ CEMS are certified and operated according to 40 CFR Part 75 and NSPS Subpart GG, §60.330 (which incorporates by reference 40 CFR Part 75), and the CO CEMS is certified and operated according to 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix B, PS-4/4A and Appendix F, Procedure 1.

40 CFR Part 60, Appendix F, Procedure 1, Section 5.1.2 requires that a cylinder gas audit (CGA) be performed in three of four calendar quarters on the CO monitor, but in no more than three quarters in succession, regardless of the span value of the CO monitor. Moreover, per 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix F, Procedure 1, Section 5.1.4, CGAs are required to be performed in a given calendar quarter regardless of the number of unit operating hours, unless the unit did not operate at all (i.e., 0 unit operating hours).

On the other hand, 40 CFR Part 75, Appendix B, Section 2.2.1 requires that a linearity check be performed at least once during each QA operating quarter. In addition, 40 CFR Part 75, Appendix A, Section 6.2 exempts any monitor that has a span value of less than or equal to 30 ppm from the quarterly linearity check requirements.

Indiana should add flexibility for conducting performance tests for MATS

I&M's Rockport Plant demonstrated Low Emitting Electric Generating Unit (LEE) status for purposes of the Mercury Air Toxics Standards (MATS) rule through 12 quarterly Particulate Matter (PM) performance tests on the common stack with both units operating at or near design capacity. Currently, Rockport Plant is required to conduct a LEE ongoing demonstration

test every 36 months with no grace period for extenuating circumstances. Under 40 CFR 63.10006 f(1)(iii), at least 1,050 calendar days, measured from the test's end date, must separate performance tests conducted every 3 years. Furthermore, under 40 CFR 63.10005 (h)(4), for a group of affected units that vent to a common stack, the plant must either assess LEE status for the units individually by performing a separate emission test of each unit in the duct leading from the unit to the common stack, or the plant may perform a single emission test in the common stack.

Due to market conditions and the complexity of the units, IEA recommends that IDEM allow individual unit testing at the common stack level and testing with a separation of at least 915 calendar days, as measured from the test's end date, between the performance tests conducted every 3 years. In addition, if a unit is offline when a deadline to perform the performance test passes, the performance test should be conducted within 30 calendar days after the re-start of the affected unit.

Water

The river temperature requirements outlined in Sec. 6.(b)(4) of 327 IAC 2-1-4 (Minimum Surface Water Quality Criteria) should be reviewed and updated to reflect current river conditions. It is becoming increasingly more frequent where the ambient mixed river temperature at the intakes is at the maximum limit or even exceeds the established limitation. Adjusting the water temperature limits to better align with natural conditions of the Ohio and White Rivers and streams in addition to accounting for low flow conditions would also alleviate substantive challenges with operating the generating fleet to provide reliable service to customers in the region while supporting the health of the aquatic life.

IDEM should consider revising their Selenium Water Quality Standard Implementation Guidance as this guidance does not fully allow for fish tissue to take primacy over water column when establishing limits in a NPDES permit. Permittees should be provided flexibility to obtain and provide site specific fish tissue data to show compliance with the fish tissue criteria in lieu of translating to water column criteria.

Indiana's effluent limits should align with federal limits

Under 327 IAC 5, IDEM implements the Pollution Control Standards (PCS) set forth by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) for discharges into the Ohio River. IDEM's permit drafting process considers ORSANCO's standards along with EPA guidelines to establish effluent limits, adopting the more stringent of the two. It is important to note that ORSANCO's PCS' and the associated compact do not include any mechanisms to compel member states to adhere to these standards. ORSANCO recognizes the rights of individual states. IDEM's current water quality standards are instrumental in

safeguarding the health and well-being of Indiana's citizens while also preserving the integrity of the environment. In light of these considerations, it is recommended that compliance with ORSANCO standards be removed from the IAC to streamline regulatory processes.

The Indiana Freshwater Mussel Augmentation Plan as means of compliance is inconsistent with Section 316(b)

Within the context of Section 316(b), mussel augmentation is a restoration measure. In the *Riverkeeper I* decision,¹ the court found that EPA's acceptance of restoration measures cannot be used as a primary means of complying with the requirement to minimize adverse environmental impact from cooling water intake structures (CWIS). Section 316(b) requires the location, design, construction and capacity of CWIS to use best technology available (BTA) to minimize impact. While restoration measures, like mussel augmentation, compensate for environmental impacts after they happen, they do not prevent these impacts through proper design and technology at the intake structure. Using restoration measures as the main compliance method is against the intent of Section 316(b) and should not be a requirement in permits issued by IDEM when BTA can otherwise be implemented or demonstrated.

Waste

Indiana's hazardous waste regulations should align with and be no more stringent than federal regulations. A specific example of where Indiana's regulations are overly burdensome, because they are more stringent than federal rules, is in the hazardous waste program, where IDEM has incorporated the federal rules by reference, but has deleted 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4)(ii). See 329 IAC 3.1-6-2(14). The federal rules at 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4)(ii) codify the Bevill exclusion, which states that certain wastes² generated primarily from processes that support the combustion of coal or other fossil fuels that are co-disposed of with fly ash, bottom ash, slag waste, and flue gas emission control waste are not hazardous wastes. By not incorporating this aspect of the federal rules, IDEM's program is more stringent than the federal law. Due to this difference, IDEM required waste characterization of materials being dredged from a bottom ash pond that also received coal pile runoff and floor, yard drain and sump effluents for disposal at an on-site Type I Restricted Waste Landfill. This was required even though fly ash, bottom ash, and flue gas desulfurization byproducts may be disposed of at a Type I restricted waste site without characterization³, and US EPA determined and codified that these uniquely associated wastes are non-hazardous when

¹ *Riverkeeper, Inc. v. U.S. EPA*, 358 F.3d 174 (2d Cir. 2004)

² The wastes include coal pile run-off, boiler cleaning solutions, boiler blowdown, process water treatment and demineralizer regeneration wastes, cooling tower blowdown, air heater and precipitator washes, effluents from floor and yard drains and sumps, and wastewater treatment sludges.

³ 329 IAC 10-9-4(d)

co-disposed with coal combustion residuals⁴. This overly burdensome requirement significantly delayed one of our projects and increased costs yet had no environmental benefit.

Furthermore, EPA's 2015 CCR rule codified the exemptions in 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4). In order that Indiana law be consistent with the federal CCR rule as required by IAC 13-19-3-3, IDEM must also recognize this exemption.

Indiana should continue to establish a state permit program under Section 2301 of the federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (42 U.S.C. 6945(d)) for the implementation of the federal CCR rule.

IEA supports IDEM's establishment of a state permit program to implement the federal CCR rule, as authorized by the WIIN Act and as outlined in IC 13-19-3-3. Indiana should continue working expeditiously with Indiana electric generators and US EPA to develop a program consistent with, and no more stringent than, the federal rule. Being dually regulated by Indiana's existing solid waste regulations and the federal CCR rule is overly burdensome, and in some cases, conflicting. The IEA has previously provided comments and suggestions⁵ on how IDEM could go about incorporating the federal rule by reference for expeditious approval.

Other

Updating rules to include an electronic reporting option would streamline the reporting and review process.

For permitting, IDEM can on occasion be inconsistent in applying rules and regulations in the permits that the agency issues. Uniformity and consistency from IDEM are paramount as it will reduce review and issuance timeframes, while also providing predictability and clarity to the regulated community. One example of the variability that is observed is how IDEM applies the combined waste stream formula to establish alternative limitations in Industrial wastewater permits.

In summary, IEA encourages IDEM to seek opportunities to revise the state's environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, which in turn, increase the cost of electricity for customers. We urge IDEM to seek consistency with federal requirements, to streamline the regulatory process and to rely on the best available science which will benefit Indiana's environment and its residents.

⁴ <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2015-00257/p-1442>

⁵ <https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/rulemaking/title-329-solid-waste-management-division/>

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To whom it may concern -

Per your request and invitation, please find attached comments from Fort Wayne City Utilities.

Thanks for considering our thoughts. We would be glad to continue conversations as desired by your team.

Thanks

Leasandra

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RE: IDEM Seeks Public Input on Evaluation of Existing Regulations

To whom this may concern,

This letter is in response to the recent public notice concerning regulations that may be overly burdensome to individuals, businesses, communities, or industries across the state. Fort Wayne City Utilities appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Executive Order 25-38 signed by Governor Braun on March 12, 2025. The comments provided are based on City Utility's review of the information contained in the following Executive Orders: 25-38, 25-06, 25-49, 25-50, 25-17, 25-40, & 25-48.

Please contact Leasandra Parrish, Program Manager - Regulatory Compliance, with City Utilities at 260-427-5249 or Leasandra.parrish@cityoffortwayne.org to discuss any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



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General comments, acknowledging that some of the comments would need Fort Wayne City Utilities (FWCU) to have more conversations with IDEM on include:

1. Consider modifying requirements such as “wet signatures” to allow for permitting submissions through online portals, which would streamline the process and reduce paperwork.
2. Allow qualified municipalities to self-approve stormwater construction related permits, just like IDEM allows for water and sanitary sewer permits. This would reduce the administrative and technical review workloads of IDEM staff and improve the timeliness of stormwater permitting.
 - i. As background information, FWCU is approved to self-permit water and sanitary sewer projects. IDEM approval is only required for requests that include alternatives to the technical standards.
3. MS4 General Permit and Construction General Permits should be re-evaluated to reduce the amount of tracking and recording keeping requirements for permit holders.
 - i. Consider developing alternative reporting methods and establishing tracking requirements.
 - ii. These permits should also be reviewed to provide additional clarity regarding requirements and establish guidelines to support permit holders.
4. Remove or create an alternative to the tiered effluent limits in sewer NPDES permits for phosphorus based upon influent concentrations.
 - i. The current limits are a moving target with discontinuity in limits, which is burdensome to operators and does not establish monthly effluent limits until the end of the month, causing a utility to overfeed chemicals and incur costs above and beyond what would be necessary to meet a simple effluent limit like other parameters in the permit.
5. Increase the requirements for evaluation of regionalization and the weighting or points awarded for it when issuing SRF funding, construction permits or corrective action to enforce utilities. This would lead to a reduced number of utilities for IDEM staff to monitor as well as providing better performance and rates to utility customers.
6. IDEM's onsite inspections of utilities could be reduced based upon system performance as opposed to just calendar frequency to reduce IDEM staff travel time and costs. Another option could be allowing larger or qualified systems with qualified staff to perform and certify self-inspections of its facilities and its contract customers facilities in between onsite inspections by IDEM staff.
7. FWCU recommends there be a reduction in the burden of SMV reporting.

Creating and submitting comprehensive SMV reports can be a significant administrative burden for MS4s, taking up time and resources that could be better allocated. Streamlining the reporting process allows MS4s to focus on improving their programs and implementing effective pollution prevention measures.

8. IDEM should increase time between WET testing intervals for facilities that consistently demonstrate strong effluent compliance performance. Frequent WET testing can be costly and resource intensive. By implementing a performance-based approach, IDEM can balance the need for water quality protection with efficient use of resources and fair opportunities for its permittees.
9. Consider creating "credit" or allowing for offset projects which would allow permit holders to receiving stream nutrient "bank" to collaborate for applicable WQBELs/TMDL's.
10. Provide flexibility to utilities to propose innovative water quality improvement projects when evaluating point sources against anti-backsliding requirements.
 - i. Allow utilities to combine multiple point source improvements that increase overall receiving stream quality
 - ii. Some level of treatment that avoids direct discharge is better than no treatment at all that is limited by each single point source.
 - iii. Additionally, maybe even give utilities credit on point sources if non-point sources are a better approach to WQBEL's/TMDLs
11. FWCU would like IDEM to encourage regionalization and using the expertise of utilities with professional staff for cybersecurity evaluations and reviews vs. each utility certification of compliance approach.
12. IDEM should Increase of the length of time between biosolids testing samples rather than a set number of days.

We recommend it be based on lagoon drying completion
13. Allow us to submit air permit modifications within 6 months to 1 year of installing equipment if the new equipment doesn't result in the change of permit type.
14. Change weekly CSO reports to monthly or quarterly.
15. Consider longer construction in a floodway permit timeframe for projects that extend beyond the 2-year construction period and allow for floodplain permit approval by site, not just individual project with a single permit.
 - i. This allows for comprehensive evaluation and review of the site and flexibility in projects.
16. Currently, the LOMR / CLOMR review is a very long process, and it should continue to be streamlined through processes and comments.

17. Permitting projects through the IRT, which involves both state and federal agencies, is difficult. The process is time consuming and can take 6 months to 1 year to schedule meetings with the team. FWCU recommends streamlining this process.
18. Do not allow SRF funding to be made available to any system that does not choose regionalization when the alternative analysis shows that regionalization would be the best option for customer rates and performance.
19. Review current requirements for bat protection and reduce or allow to be completed with a more economical approach or tree removal/care as opposed to the current requirement of "any" tree 6" dbh or larger needing to be considered.
20. Adjust public bidding law or IDEM/SRF bidding requirements to favor CMAR/DB/Owner Build and other project delivery methods that allow for accelerated procurement and project approvals.
 - i. The required processes take longer than the market is willing to cost effectively hold bidding and equipment prices. This costs the project owner more for the project by either incurring change orders or by bidders pricing high levels of risk contingency into their bids.
21. Provide better net metering connection and rate terms for municipalities or customers over 1MW in power use, who would like to sell excess renewable power back to the electrical grid when it is available. This will help provide grid stability and encourage municipal utility systems to make investments in energy reliability and resiliency, as well help utility companies with distributed power generation.
22. Consider exploring ways to encourage EPA to change NPDES permit cycles and renewal timeframes from the current 5-year cycle to a 10-year cycle. This would reduce administrative requirements for IDEM staff and the permit holder.

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Greetings,

On behalf of the Conservation Law Center, the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Hoosier Environmental Council, Save the Dunes Conservation Fund, Gary Advocates for Responsible Development, and Just Transition Northwest Indiana, attached please find public comments for IDEM's consideration in complying with Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Re: Evaluation of Existing Regulations Pursuant to Executive Order 25-38

The Conservation Law Center, the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Hoosier Environmental Council, Save the Dunes Conservation Fund, Gary Advocates for Responsible Development, and Just Transition Northwest Indiana (collectively “Commenters”), respectfully submit these comments for IDEM’s consideration in complying with Governor Braun’s Executive Order 25-38 (“EO 25-38”), which aims to eliminate supposedly unnecessary regulation of Indiana businesses and industries by, among other things, prohibiting state environmental regulations that are “more stringent than” federal law. To achieve this goal, EO 25-38 directs responsible state agencies, including IDEM, to review their regulations and identify those that exceed federal requirements, impose “undue burden” on business and industry, “significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana’s environment.”

In response, IDEM has requested public comment on “specific suggestions regarding repeal, replacement, or modification of existing environmental rules and regulations” to be informed by the criteria of EO 25-38 and the Governor’s “other relevant executive orders.” See IDEM Notice at 2. Commenters appreciate IDEM’s call for public feedback on this specific question, which we address below. However, we also urge IDEM, as the agency statutorily charged with protecting Hoosiers’ rights to live in a healthy environment when promulgating rules and standards,¹ to advise and inform Governor Braun of the following related issues and concerns.

I. EO 25-38 is Based on a False Premise

The Governor’s rationale for EO 25-38 is that environmental regulation harms industry, kills jobs, and impedes economic growth. This claim is not new, has been debunked by decades of economic research, and ignores the last 50 years of the nation’s success in growing the economy while reducing pollution at the same time.²

¹ Ind. Code § 13-14-8-4(7) (directing IDEM to consider the “right of all persons to an environment sufficiently uncontaminated as not to be injurious to human, plant, animal, or aquatic life or the reasonable enjoyment of life and property” when establishing new rules or standards).

² U.S. EPA, *The Clean Air Act and the Economy* at <https://www.epa.gov/clean-air-act-overview/clean-air-act-and-economy> (noting that “[b]etween 1970 and 2019, aggregate emissions of common air pollutants dropped 77 percent, while the U.S. gross domestic product grew 285 percent,” and “[t]otal private sector jobs increased by 223 percent”).

Indeed, in the 1970s the U.S. auto industry similarly railed against passage of the Clean Air Act amendments predicting the new law would cause a “complete collapse of the industry within five years” and “permanently cripple the U.S. economy.”³ Yet today, with the CAA’s fuel and vehicle emissions standards in place for nearly five decades, the automotive industry and U.S. economy are still alive and well. The regulations spurred technological advancements in vehicle and engine design that led to more jobs. New vehicles today are 99% cleaner for most tailpipe pollutants compared to the 1960s. Gasoline no longer contains brain-damaging lead. And air quality in U.S. cities has significantly improved, even with increased population, more cars, and more miles driven.⁴

Similarly, in the 1980s, the Reagan administration suspended and chose not to enforce environmental regulations and standards based on the same industry-perpetuated view that protecting the environment hurts economic prosperity. Noting the “surprisingly little rigorous research to substantiate” that view, MIT conducted a comprehensive study confirming that the Reagan administration’s claim had “no empirical foundation” whatsoever. Of particular relevance to EO 25-38, the MIT study compared the economic performances of states with weak environmental policies to those with stronger policies and found that the “environmentally strong states *outperformed* the environmentally weak states by substantial amounts.”⁵

Since then, study after study has confirmed that environmental regulation does not kill jobs; it creates them.⁶ Somebody designs, makes, sells, installs, and operates the pollution control technologies we put on power plants, oil refineries, steel mills, and motor vehicles. Just as someone makes money off of solar cells and windmills. And environmental amenities are worth the money. A clean lake or riverfront attracts housing and business development. A home across the street from a park will bring a higher price than the same home a block away. There is no question that protecting the environment is good for public health, which is also good for the economy, because sick people generally cannot work well, if at all.⁷

³ S. Meyer, *Environmentalism and Economic Prosperity: Testing the Environmental Impact Hypothesis*, Project on Environmental Politics and Policy, Mass. Inst. of Tech., 1-2 (Oct. 5, 1992) (quoting Lee Iacocca, then vice president of Ford Motor Company), <https://vnrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/KEEPEnvironmentalism-and-Economic-Prosperity.pdf>.

⁴ U.S. EPA, *Accomplishments and Successes of Reducing Air Pollution from Transportation in the United States*, <https://www.epa.gov/transportation-air-pollution-and-climate-change/accomplishments-and-successes-reducing-air#:~:text=and%20the%20environment.-,Historic%20Success%20of%20the%20Clean%20Air%20Act,sparked%20technology%20innovation%20from%20industry>.

⁵ Meyer, *supra* note 3 at 2, 8-11, 21.

⁶ Gray, et al., *Environmental Regulation and Labor Demand: What Does the Evidence Tell Us*, *Annual Review of Resource Economics* 15:177-197 (Oct. 2023) <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-resource-101422-115834>; BenDor, et al., *Defining and Evaluating the Ecological Restoration Economy*, *Restoration Ecology* 23: 209-219 (2015) available at <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.12206>.

⁷ Henneman, et al., *Mortality Risk From United States Coal Electricity Generation*, *Science* 382: 941-946 (Nov. 23, 2023) (attributing nearly half a million U.S. deaths between 1999 - 2020 to air pollution from coal-fired power plants), <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.adf4915>.

After 50 years of experience with environmental regulation, there is simply no evidence to support Governor Braun's rationale for EO 25-38. Instead, we know that environmental regulations have saved the U.S. economy far more money than it costs industries to implement pollution controls by a factor of around six to one.⁸ Thus, with strong environmental protections in place, Indiana can build its economy and create jobs while conserving natural resources and curbing pollution to protect Hoosier health and quality of life. We call on IDEM to advise the Governor of this fact.

II. Indiana Has Serious Environmental Challenges that Require State Agencies to Go Beyond Federal Minimum Standards, Especially in the Face of Rollbacks to Those Standards

In the 1970s, U.S. cities were choked with toxic smog, and many rivers were so polluted they caught fire. Against that backdrop and mounting public outcry, Congress created the U.S. EPA and the national system of environmental regulation we have today.⁹ To stem the race to the bottom then happening in the states, Congress passed several pieces of landmark legislation including, among others, the Clean Air Act ("CAA") and Clean Water Act ("CWA") that required EPA to set minimum national standards for how much pollution industries could emit into the air, land and water. At the same time, Congress sought to promote cooperative federalism by giving states the authority to go further in administering federal programs by tailoring them to address local conditions and challenges.¹⁰ Since then, most states, including Indiana, have accepted the responsibility. And by all accounts, this cooperative framework has been a success. Rivers no longer catch fire, most Americans can depend on their taps for clean water, and most people can walk outside and breathe fresh air.

But there is still a long way to go, which is especially true in Indiana. Coke and steel plants, and other heavy industries concentrated in Northwest Indiana, still continue to spew cancer-causing pollution into the air exposing the mostly low-income people who live there to some of the highest cancer risks in the nation.¹¹ In rural Indiana, factory farms generate more than 14 times the amount of urine and feces produced by the state's entire human population of 87 million people. And that waste has, for years, been a leading cause of dangerous pathogens and excess nutrient

⁸ U.S. EPA, *Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act 1990-2020, the Second Prospective Study*, <https://www.epa.gov/clean-air-act-overview/benefits-and-costs-clean-air-act-1990-2020-second-prospective-study#:~:text=Even%20the%20low%20benefits%20estimate,the%20expenditures%20for%20pollution%20control>.

⁹ U.S. EPA, *The Origins of EPA*, <https://www.epa.gov/history/origins-epa>.

¹⁰ R. Fischman, *Cooperative Federalism and Natural Resources Law*, *N.Y.U. Env'tl. L.J.*, 14, 189-191 (2006).

¹¹ Industrious Labs, *Dirty Steel, Dangerous Air: The Health Harms of Coal-Based Steelmaking* (October 2024) (Lake County, Indiana has more toxic releases than 99% of all other counties across the country, and ranks second in the nation for the most industrial pollution released per square mile), <https://industriouslabs.org/archive/report-dirty-steel-dangerous-air>.

pollution fouling Indiana's waterways.¹² Indiana also has the highest number of coal ash ponds than any other state in the nation—and those toxic waste dumps have been leaching and contaminating the state's waterways and aquifers with dangerous chemicals for decades.¹³ Due to these and other chronic sources of unchecked pollution, Indiana continues to lead the nation with the most miles of rivers and streams deemed too contaminated to swim in.¹⁴ Indeed, Indiana continues to be ranked as the most polluted state in the nation.¹⁵

Plainly, whether Indiana's regulations are "more stringent" than federal rules or not, they are failing to address the State's serious environmental challenges. Combined with the dramatic rollback of environmental protections at the federal level,¹⁶ this is certainly not the time to relinquish or restrict the authority of Indiana's environmental agencies to do better. The Trump administration has issued an avalanche of deregulatory actions to scale back or eliminate 31 federal regulations that limit toxic air pollution from cars and powerplants, restrict mercury emissions, and protect rivers and streams.¹⁷ The administration also stripped the authority of the Council on Environmental Quality, which issues NEPA regulations thereby creating uncertainty in environmental impact reviews.¹⁸ If that were not enough, the Trump administration also announced massive cuts to EPA's staff and funding, which will devastate the agency's ability to enforce environmental protections and do vital research, at the expense of Americans' health, safety, and quality of life, including that of our children and grandchildren.¹⁹

¹² Hoosier Environmental Council, *Feeding the World Better Without Factory Farms*, 8 (2021), <https://www.hecweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Sustainable-Food-Farming-Forum-Citizen-Guide.pdf>.

¹³ Earthjustice, *Toxic Coal Ash in Indiana: Addressing Coal Plants' Hazardous Legacy* (May 3, 2023), <https://earthjustice.org/feature/coal-ash-states/indiana>.

¹⁴ K. Kelderman, *et al.*, *The Clean Water Act at 50: Promises Half Kept at the Half-Century Mark*, *Environmental Integrity Project*, 33-35 (Mar. 2022), <https://environmentalintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/CWA@50-report-EMBARGOED-3.17.22.pdf>.

¹⁵ *Rankings: Overall Best States*, *U.S. News & World Report (2025)* (ranking Indiana the 33rd best state overall and 50th—the worst ranking on the natural environment), <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/indiana>.

¹⁶ K. Bense, *New Trump Administration Directives to Repeal Environmental Regulations En Masse Make 'No Sense,' Legal Experts Say*, *Inside Climate News* (Apr. 12, 2025), <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/12042025/new-trump-administration-directives-to-repeal-environmental-regulations-en-masse-make-no-sense-legal-experts-say/>.

¹⁷ Press Release, U.S. EPA, *EPA Launches Biggest Deregulatory Action in U.S. History* (Mar. 12, 2025), <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-launches-biggest-deregulatory-action-us-history>.

¹⁸ N. Farah, *3 Questions Answered About NEPA Under Trump*, *E&E News* (Mar. 6, 2025), <https://www.eenews.net/articles/3-questions-answered-about-nepa-under-trump-2/>.

¹⁹ A. Borunda, *The Trump Administration Says it Will Cut EPA Staffing to Reagan-Era Levels*, *National Public Radio* (May 2, 2025), [https://www.npr.org/2025/05/02/nx-s1-5385272/epa-environmental-protection-agency-cuts-trump-zeldin#:~:text=Earlier%20this%20year%2C%20the%20agency,were%20transferred%20to%20other%20offices](https://www.npr.org/2025/05/02/nx-s1-5385272/epa-environmental-protection-agency-cuts-trump-zeldin#:~:text=Earlier%20this%20year%2C%20the%20agency,were%20transferred%20to%20other%20offices;); Environmental Protection Network, *Facts: The Trump Administration's Attacks on EPA Will Harm Public Health and Safety*,

Without question, the Trump rollbacks are dangerous. So too is EO 25-38. Indiana has numerous environmental challenges to address, and it can no longer depend on the federal government to help. We call on IDEM to advise Governor Braun that the agency needs full authority under federal and state law to carry out its legislative mandate “to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of the environment so that, to the extent possible, future generations will be ensured clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment.” Ind. Code § 13-12-3-1(3). There are other state agencies tasked with promoting economic development including, among others, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, that are better suited to serve industry interests. Further weakening Indiana’s already ineffective environmental regulations is not the answer.

III. EO 25-38 Imposes an Unnecessary and Onerous Burden on State Agencies

EO 25-38 requires IDEM and other state agencies to comb through their existing regulations and identify those that are “more stringent than” federal law. This imposes an incredibly onerous burden on agency staff time and resources. There are literally thousands of federal and state statutory and regulatory provisions that IDEM will have to review to comply with the Governor’s mandate. And this job will be made more difficult given the ambiguities involved in determining whether a specific state regulation is “more stringent” than a federal requirement.

As discussed above, the cooperative regulatory framework created by federal environmental laws gives states broad discretion to implement federal programs in their jurisdictions. For example, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) authorizes states to “promulgate regulations based on [federal] *guidelines* . . . for carrying out regional solid waste management.” 42 U.S.C. § 6946(a) (emphasis added). Similarly, the CWA gives states a great deal of discretion in setting water quality standards by defining designated uses and their applications to particular bodies of water. 33 U.S.C. § 1313. And when allocating pollution loads for waters that are not attaining their designated uses, states are largely free to pursue their own priorities. *Id.* § 1313(d). States also have wide latitude under the CAA to choose among air pollution abatement and reduction strategies in developing state implementation plans (“SIPs”) for meeting national ambient air quality standards. 42 U.S.C. § 7410(a).

In turn, Indiana’s regulations that implement these federal programs are incredibly detailed and complex. Indiana’s solid waste regulations contain hundreds of provisions governing every operational aspect of landfills, incinerators, transfer stations, composting facilities, waste tire operations, collection container systems and other waste management, disposal, and processing facilities. *See* Title 329 of the Indiana Administrative Code. Indiana’s water quality standards and implementation procedures encompass hundreds, if not thousands of administrative code provisions for designating uses, developing water quality-based effluent limits, and antidegradation policies. *See* Title 327 of the IAC. Indiana’s SIP under the CAA likewise sets out extensive, complex, and highly technical procedures and requirements for monitoring and modeling air quality, collecting air quality data, developing emissions inventories and control

<https://www.environmentalprotectionnetwork.org/epafacts/the-trump-administrations-attacks-on-epa-will-harm-public>.

strategies, achieving emission reductions, setting emissions limits, attainment demonstrations, vehicle inspections, among other requirements unique to Indiana. *See* Title 326 of the IAC.²⁰

This level of detail is necessary, in part, to help regulated entities comply with regulatory obligations by making them as explicit as possible; not to create an undue burden or impose requirements that exceed federal standards. For instance, in *Covington v. Jefferson Cnty.*, the 9th Circuit considered whether an Idaho regulation requiring landfills to provide six inches of cover at the end of each operating day was more stringent than RCRA's federal guideline that cover must be provided "*in such a manner as to reduce the risk of fire and to impede vectors access.*" 358 F.3d 626, 643 (9th Cir. 2004) (emphasis)). Concluding the regulation was not more stringent, the court reasoned that the state rule merely set the uniform "manner" for meeting the federal requirement to reduce fire risk and vectors. So, the question is, how will IDEM measure or compare the thousands of similarly detailed state regulations to the broad federal standards that authorize them to determine if the state rules are more stringent? This ambiguity will do nothing more than create confusion and waste time.

The exercise is also entirely unnecessary. Indiana law already requires IDEM to report and justify any proposed new rules that are deemed "more stringent" than federal law. *See* Ind. Code §§ 13-14-9-3 and -4. In any proposed rulemaking, IDEM engages in three rounds of public notice and comment. The public notices must identify and justify, with detailed explanation and supporting documentation, any element of a proposed rule that IDEM believes exceeds federal law. Ind. Code § 13-14-9-4(a). The proposed rule must also be approved by the Environmental Rules Board ("ERB") that is made up of 16 members, 11 appointed by the Governor, who represent various constituencies including business, manufacturing, construction, agriculture, labor, and other industry interests. And assuming the rule is approved by the ERB, it is not effective until the Indiana legislature has had an opportunity to review and veto it. Ind. Code § 13-14-9-4(b). There is simply no need for Governor Braun to require IDEM to repeat this review.

In sum, EO 25-38 is based on the demonstrably false premise that protecting the environment cannot go hand-in-hand with growing the economy. The nation's fifty-year history of environmental regulation proves otherwise. Indiana's existing regulations are already ineffective at addressing Indiana's serious environmental challenges. Weakening them further in the face of dramatic rollbacks at the federal level poses a dangerous threat to Indiana's natural resources and people. And requiring state environmental regulators to review thousands of pages of statutory and administrative code to compare the "stringency" of Indiana's environmental regulations to broad federal requirements, imposes an unnecessary, confusing, onerous, and undue burden on already strapped state agencies. Accordingly, we call on IDEM to include a discussion of these considerations and concerns in its report to the Governor.

IV. Suggestions for Repealing, Replacing, or Modifying Existing IDEM Rules & Policies

In addition to requiring environmental agencies to identify regulations that exceed federal requirements, EO 25-38 also directs agencies to identify "environmental regulations and policies that "significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the

²⁰ *See also* IDEM, *About Indiana's SIP* at <https://www.in.gov/idem/sips/about-indianas-sip/>.

best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment." IDEM has requested public comments that provide "specific suggestions" for repealing, replacing, or modifying such IDEM rules and policies. And on that front, we identify the following:

A. Indiana's SIP does not meet CAA requirements, is not based on best available science, and does not benefit Indiana's environment.

The CAA requires states with areas in moderate nonattainment to submit SIP revisions that provide for emissions reductions of at least 15% from baseline emissions.²¹ In January 2025, IDEM's revised SIP took effect. That included an Attainment Demonstration to comply with Sections 172 and 182 of the CAA.²² IDEM adopted no additional control measures to attain the required ozone standards of 0.070 parts per million and instead utilized a six-page document that exclusively relied on existing regulations. In doing so, IDEM established a SIP that ignores Indiana's responsibility to protect public health and the environment.

IDEM's decision to not adopt additional control measures is not rooted in the best available science. IDEM asserted that it complied with Sections 172(c)(1) and 182(b)(2) because it had "adopted all reasonable and available control measures to demonstrate attainment as expeditiously as practicable and that no additional measures that are reasonably available will advance the attainment date."²³ In support of this assertion, IDEM relied on a study prepared for the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium ("LADCO") intended to identify and evaluate NOx and VOC emission controls to reduce ozone concentrations throughout the Chicago area.

IDEM touted this study as a "comprehensive assessment of candidate control options." However, the study did not consider point sources, such as the large lakeshore industries with Part 70 air emission permits, "because point source emission control analyses are expected to be performed on an as-needed basis by state/region specific agency staff."²⁴ The problem with this is that point sources are some of the largest sources of ozone precursors. Without identifying and evaluating NOx and VOC emission controls from large point sources, IDEM cannot demonstrate that it has adopted all reasonably available control measures.

This is particularly indefensible because the Trump administration will be aggressively rolling back the mobile source standards that IDEM appears to be relying on to allow local

²¹ 42 U.S.C. § 7511a(b)(1)(A).

²² Final Approval of the Indiana 2022 Annual CFR Update, Fed. Reg. 89 FR 66661 (Dec. 27, 2024) (to be codified at 40 C.F.R. 52.769); IDEM, Attainment Demonstration and Technical Support Document (Aug. 15, 2023), https://www.in.gov/idem/sips/files/attainment_o3_lake_porter_2015.pdf.

²³ See LADCO, *Evaluating Ozone Precursor Emissions Reductions in the Great Lakes Region*, Lake Michigan Air Directors, Consortium, <https://www.ladco.org/technical/projects/ramboll-o3-%20precursors-contract-2020/>.

²⁴ Ramboll US Consulting, Inc., *Final Report: Control of Ozone Precursor Emissions in the Great Lakes Region*, (March 2021) at 1, https://www.ladco.org/wp-content/uploads/FinalReport_LADCO_Ozone_Emissions_Control_05Mar2021.pdf.

industries continue their business as usual.²⁵ Specifically, in proposing no new control measures, IDEM relied in part on estimated future reductions in emissions from mobile sources, and EPA's Transport Rule that the Supreme Court struck down last year. According to IDEM's estimates, these then-anticipated, future reductions would more than make up for increases in NOx and VOCs from point sources. In hindsight, we now know that IDEM relied on the health benefits of federal and California mobile source regulations that are being scaled back and a Transport Rule that no longer exists to allow local industries to pollute more. Such an outcome, carried out by IDEM regulations, is inconsistent with the goals and requirements of the CAA, is not based on best available science, and does not benefit the environment.

B. IDEM's failure to implement control measures to satisfy the EPA's limit of 0.070 ppm ozone in Northwest Indiana puts Hoosiers at serious risk of respiratory illness and death and demonstrates IDEM's failure to base its regulations on the best science.

Industrial plants such as steel mills produce VOC and NOx, which react in the atmosphere to form ozone. Ozone that forms at the ground level due to industrial activities results in significant human health impacts.²⁶ Even brief ambient exposure to ozone is associated with asthma exacerbations, emergency room visits, hospital admissions, and deaths, particularly in children, adults who are active outdoors, and those with asthma.²⁷

Studies have shown that concentrations of ozone above 31 ppb result in a significant increase in respiratory mortality.²⁸ The EPA's limit of 0.070 ppm (or 70 ppb) is more than double the concentration at which significant respiratory issues arise. Nevertheless, IDEM has failed to implement control measures to satisfy even the EPA's unprotective limit of 0.070 ppm ozone in Northwest Indiana. This puts Hoosiers at serious risk of respiratory illness and death and also demonstrates IDEM's failure to base its regulations on the best science.

C. IDEM's policy of not requiring use of continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) is not based on best available science and is not cost effective.

Major sources of particulate matter (PM) use a variety of systems to capture and control their emissions. The most common controls are fabric filter baghouses and electrostatic

²⁵ U.S. EPA, Press Release, *EPA Announces Action to Implement POTUS's Termination of Biden-Harris Electric Vehicle Mandate* (Mar. 12, 2025), <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-action-implement-potuss-termination-biden-harris-electric-vehicle>.

²⁶ U.S. EPA, *Ground Level Ozone Basics*, EPA.gov, <https://www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/ground-level-ozone-basics>.

²⁷ Patrick L. Kinney, *The Pulmonary Effects of Outdoor Ozone and Particle Air Pollution*, 20 Seminars in Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, 1999 at 601; *see also*, Stephanie M. Holm, *Systematic Review of Ozone Effects on Human Lung Function*, 2013 Through 2020, 161 CHEST, 190-201 (January 2022) (reviewing studies that consistently demonstrate that even short-term low-level ozone exposure decreases children's lung function).

²⁸ Ziheng Liu, Xi Chen, and Qinan Lu, *Blowin' in the Wind of an Invisible Killer: Long-Term Exposure to Ozone and Respiratory Mortality in the United States*, IZA Discussion Paper No. 15981, (March 7, 2023) at 3, <https://www.iza.org/publications/dp/15981/blowin-in-the-wind-of-an-invisible-killer-long-term-exposure-to-ozone-and-respiratory-mortality-in-the-united-states>.

precipitators. And compliance with a facility's PM emission limit requires periodic stack testing during which parametric limits are established that must be monitored and controlled on a weekly or even daily basis. Both the stack testing and the monitoring, maintenance, recording, and reporting of parametric operating limits are expensive and, ultimately, only a surrogate for actual compliance. Many facilities also have to incur the additional expense of hiring a certified 'smoke reader' to conduct occasional Method 9 testing (addressed more below).

Meanwhile, more modern technology has dramatically lowered the price of continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS), making their installation and operation often less expensive for the regulated community while providing greater assurance that neighboring communities are not exposed to excess emissions. IDEM's policy of not requiring facilities to use CEMS is thus not based on best available science, nor cost effective

D. IDEM's reliance on Method 9 testing is not cost-effective or based on the best available science.

Indiana's air regulations governing PM emissions rely extensively on opacity monitoring. See 326 IAC 5. In turn, the Part 70 permits of many major sources rely heavily on EPA's Method 9 to measure the opacity of emissions – the percentage of sunlight blocked by the smoke—which requires a trained individual to observe the emission source for two hours during daylight hours. Method 9 opacity monitoring is markedly outdated and ineffective. It was developed back in 1974 and is based on technology from the late 1800s to measure the efficiency of boilers.²⁹ Most significantly, there is little evidence that opacity is directly related to the quantity of PM emissions.³⁰ That said, continuous opacity monitoring can provide insight into the operating efficiency of emissions control equipment. Thus, to the extent that IDEM continues to impose opacity limits, it should insist that facilities install continuous opacity monitoring systems (COMS). Doing so can reduce costs and improve compliance. And COMS systems are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, calibrate and maintain compared with the cost of hiring staff or a contractor who is trained and certified as a Method 9 reader.

E. IDEM's routine practice of issuing industrial NPDES permits that lack appropriate limits and monitoring requirements to assure compliance with Indiana's water quality criterion for mercury violates the CWA, fails to protect Indiana's environment, and is not grounded in best available science.

IDEM routinely issues NPDES permits to Indiana's industrial dischargers that set an average monthly limit ("AML") for mercury of 12 ng/l and a daily maximum limit ("DML") of 20 ng/l, while requiring only a single grab sample every other month for monitoring.³¹ The problem

²⁹ See U.S. EPA, *Visible Emissions Field Manual EPA Methods 9 and 22* (Dec. 1993), <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/documents/vefieldmanual.pdf>.

³⁰ See U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, *Current Knowledge of Particulate Matter (PM) Continuous Emission Monitoring* (Sept. 2000); Environment Maryland Research & Policy Center, *Particulate Matter Pollution from Maryland Power Plants* (June 2007), <https://publicinterestnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Maryland-PM-Pollution.pdf>.

³¹ See, e.g., NPDES Permit No. IN0004693 AES Indiana–Eagle Valley Generating Station at 3 (IDEM VFC Doc. No. 83453815); NPDES Permit No. IN0002780, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC –

with this is that these limits combined with the infrequency of monitoring cannot assure compliance with Indiana's WQC for mercury in violation of the CWA and basic mathematical principles.

Indiana has determined that surface water concentrations of mercury must not exceed a four-day average of 12 ng/l "to protect aquatic life from [its] chronic toxic effects." 327 IAC 2-1-6(a)(2)(A), (a)(3) Table 6-1 (referred to as the "Chronic Aquatic Criterion" or "CAC"). And because mercury is a bioaccumulative chemical of concern ("BCC"), 327 IAC 2-1-6(a)(3) Table 6-1, any WQBEL for mercury must apply this CAC "directly to the undiluted discharge for all discharges." 327 IAC 5-2-11.1(b)(6). In other words, no dilution or mixing zones are allowed in setting a WQBEL for mercury. "The relevant water quality criterion must be attained at the point of discharge."³²

Basic math dictates that setting an AML of 12 ng/l, and a DML of 20 ng/l, while requiring monitoring by a single grab sample once every other month will not assure compliance with the mercury CAC for two reasons. First, the average of one grab sample is the value of the sample itself. Therefore, if the one sample that a discharger is required to take in a particular month is 20 ng/l, it meets the daily maximum but violates the monthly average limit (and WQC) of 12 ng/l. Second, it is also basic math that without any sampling data—which is allowed six months out of the year by the IDEM-issued NPDES permits—there is no way to calculate a daily value or a monthly average value for any of those six months.

IDEM has suggested in communications with commenters that this lack of data means "there can be no noncompliance" in those six months because the dischargers could "choose" to take some samples in those months if they wanted to. But that is not what the CWA requires. All NPDES permits must include monitoring requirements that "assure compliance" with all permit limitations, terms, and conditions. 40 CFR § 122.44(i); 327 IAC 5-2-13(a). As such, monitoring requirements must be of the "type, intervals, and frequency sufficient to yield data which are representative of the monitored activity including, when appropriate, continuous monitoring." 40 CFR 122.48(b); *see also* 327 IAC 5-2-13(c)(2) ("monitoring frequency, type, and intervals [must be] sufficient to yield continuing data representative of the volume of effluent flow and the quantity of pollutants discharged based on the impact of the wastestream on the receiving water"). A monitoring frequency that "yields" no data six months of the year does not meet this test, especially when the discharge is a continuous one, as it is with most major industrial facilities.

Edwardsport IGCC Generating Station at 2 (IDEM VFC Doc. No. 83087557); NPDES Permit No. IN0002763, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC – Cayuga Generating Station at 2 (IDEM VFC Doc. No. 82626436); NPDES Permit No. IN0002887, Indianapolis Power & Light Company – Petersburg Generating Station at 3 (October 1, 2017); NPDES Permit No. IN0053201, Northern Indiana Public Service Company LLC – R.M. Schahfer Generating Station at 2 (IDEM VFC Doc. No. 83057294); NPDES Permit No. IN0064122, St. Joseph Energy Center, LLC at 2 (IDEM VFC Doc. No. 82691027).

³² U.S. EPA, NPDES Permit Writers' Manual, Ch. 6: *Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations*, 6-16 (Sept. 2010).

Accordingly, IDEM should end its unlawful practice and follow U.S. EPA's technical guidance on the matter. That guidance directs that in calculating an average monthly effluent limit for a BCC like mercury where the "criterion is applied at the end of the pipe," at least four monthly samples should be assumed in the calculation to avoid the very situation where the discharger complies with the permit limit but exceeds the criterion.³³ Moreover, EPA's technical guidance provides a list of factors that IDEM should consider in selecting an appropriate monitoring frequency, which should "ideally" be set at "10 or more samples per month to provide the greatest statistical likelihood that the average of the various monthly values will approach the true monthly LTA value," or at minimum, a frequency that reflects "a reasonable compromise" based on the list of factors.³⁴ Six samples a year is not a reasonable compromise.

F. Indiana's confined feeding regulations are not based on best available science, impose considerable health costs on Hoosiers, and fail to protect the environment.

As public interest environmental lawyers and advocates serving Indiana citizens, we often hear from rural Hoosier families that their lives have been disrupted by the proliferation of concentrated animal feeding operations ("CAFOs") in their communities. Common problems they report are sickening odors, manure-laden waterways, plummeting property values, and the feelings of frustration, isolation, and despair they experience when they learn that neither their local government officials nor IDEM will help. When they reach out to IDEM they're told it's a "local problem" and when they contact their local government leaders, they are directed back to IDEM. Citizens who need help are not getting it, and in most cases, it is because the offending CAFO is complying with the law. That means something is wrong with the law. And indeed, there are several problems that IDEM should raise with Governor Braun and the legislature.

1. No limit on animal numbers

Although there is a minimum animal number threshold for regulation under Indiana law, there is no maximum limit on the number of animals at a CAFO. 327 IAC 19-2-7. Without limits, the size of CAFOs has increased dramatically in recent years. Since 2012, the average sized hog CAFO approved by IDEM went from 5,000 to more than 10,000 hogs. Similarly, the average dairy CAFO went from 1,000 to more than 4,000 cattle.³⁵ To put that into perspective, the average adult human generates less than a pound of feces per day whereas the average lactating dairy cow generates 106 pounds per day.³⁶ That means a 4,000 head dairy CAFO will generate the same amount of excrement every day as a city of 424,000 people. Yet, there are no limits on how large these operations can get and unlike cities, CAFOs are not required to treat their sewage before disposal.

³³ U.S. EPA, Technical Support Document for Water Quality-Based Toxic Control, 107-110 (March 1991), <https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/owm0264.pdf>.

³⁴ *Id.* at 113.

³⁵ Data sourced from IDEM, the U.S. Ag Census Bureau.

³⁶ UMass Extension, Estimating Manure Inventory, <https://www.umass.edu/agriculture-food-environment/crops-dairy-livestock-equine/fact-sheets/estimating-manure-inventory>; C. Rose, et al., *The Characterization of Feces and Urine: A Review of the Literature to Inform Advanced Treatment Technology*, Crit Rev Environ Sci Technol 45(17):1827-1879 (Sept. 2, 2015), <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4500995/>

2. Dangerously inadequate setbacks

Despite the enormous amount of biological waste CAFOs generate, under existing IDEM regulations, that waste can be collected and stored in open air “lagoons” larger than several football fields and built dangerously close to waterways and where people live. Indeed, current regulation imposes a mere 400-foot setback from existing homes and public buildings—a distance that is measured from structure to structure, not the property line. 327 IAC 19-12-3(a)(4). Put another way, if an existing home or school is 300 feet from its property boundary, the CAFO, regardless of size, can be built just 100 feet from that boundary, effectively imposing a 300-foot easement on the residential or school property without paying for it.

Similarly, current regulation imposes a mere 300-foot setback from lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands. 327 IAC 19-12-3(a)(2). And there are no specific setbacks for parks, nature areas, or other public spaces other than a meager 100-foot setback from the property line. 327 IAC 19-12-3(a)(3). In other words, regardless of the number of animals and amount of waste produced, no hog skyscraper would ever be too large, and no lake of dairy waste too vast, putrid, and foul, to require a greater setback from where our children and their families live, learn, and play.

3. CAFOs are not “zero discharge”

IDEM’s CFO rule is based on the myth that CAFOs are “zero discharge”—that is, they do not discharge pollutants to our waterways. This is a legal fiction not grounded in reality. Indiana’s livestock generate tremendous amounts of waste—significantly more than Indiana’s human population. It is well known that animal waste (from humans and livestock) contains high levels of phosphorus and nitrogen as well as pathogens like *E. coli* and parasites,³⁷ which is why human waste must be treated before it can be applied to land. Nevertheless, CAFOs are allowed to spread millions of gallons of livestock waste on the ground, untreated, subject only to minimal setbacks and land application requirements that are based on nutrient content, but not pathogens in the waste. 327 IAC 19-14-2 and -3.

Once the pathogen-laden waste is spread on the ground, it can (and does) runoff with rain or melting snow into waterways, leach into groundwater, and if tile drains are present, discharge directly to surface waters. Even so, none of these pollution pathways are considered “discharges” subject to regulation. As a result, pathogens (as indicated by the presence of *E. coli*) from livestock waste “continues to be the top cause of stream impairments in Indiana,”³⁸ which is a considerable health threat. The numerous pathogens, parasites, and other forms of coliform bacteria found in manure are easily communicable to humans. When they contaminate drinking water, pathogens can cause gastrointestinal illnesses, kidney damage or failure, and in extreme cases, death³⁹—a particular concern for rural Hoosiers who rely on wells for drinking water.

³⁷ Paul Ebner, *CAFOs and Public Health: Pathogens and Manure*, Purdue University Extension ID-356 (2007), <https://www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/id/cafo/id-356.html>.

³⁸ IDEM, 2024 Indiana Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report at 2, Tables A-9 and A-10, https://www.in.gov/idem/nps/files/ir_2024_report.pdf.

³⁹ See e.g., Bukholder, Libra, et. al., *Impacts of Waste from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations on Water Quality*, Environ. Health Perspect. 115(2): 308-312 (Feb. 2007).

4. No limits on dangerous air emissions

Water pollution aside, CAFOs are well-known to be a major source of noxious and dangerous air emissions including hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, volatile fatty acids, amines, and other dangerous chemical compounds.⁴⁰ In fact, a Purdue University study of air emissions at a dairy CAFO in Indiana found ammonia released at a rate of between 18 and 75 grams per day per cow.⁴¹ In other words, a CAFO with 1,400 cows will emit as much as 200 pounds of ammonia into the air every day, above the regulatory threshold under the CAA. Yet, there are no state or federal regulations that limit these emissions in any way, which is contrary to best available science.

It is well known that dangerous air emissions from CAFOs are disbursed into the surrounding area where people live in a number of ways: (1) CAFOs with waste pits underneath the confinement buildings typically have large ventilation fans that pull the gases out of the buildings and blow them into the outside air to protect the animals; (2) CAFOs with open air lagoons allow perpetual off-gassing to occur; (3) when the collected waste is sprayed onto fields, emissions are directly released; and (4) confinement barns that are open-sided allow gases to escape. Moreover, the livestock industry has extensively studied this and understood for decades how to control these emissions,⁴² but have successfully resisted being regulated at every turn.⁴³

Unfortunately for people who, through no fault of their own, find themselves living next to a CAFO, the resulting stench from CAFO air pollution can be unbearable, but even more concerning are the serious health effects. For instance, one of the most dangerous gases, hydrogen sulfide, is harmful even at low levels. It is a potent neurotoxin that can cause damage to the brain and nervous system. People exposed to concentrations of even 0.1-1 parts per million (ppm) display neurobehavioral dysfunction, including abnormal balance and delays in verbal recall. Its effects are irreversible and can also include skin rashes, seizures, comas, and even death.⁴⁴ Like hydrogen sulfide, ammonia is a noxious gas that poses serious health risks. Ammonia has an acrid, repellant odor at levels above 0.7 ppm. It causes eye irritation beginning at 4 ppm and irritation of

⁴⁰ Claudia Copeland, *Air Quality Issues and Animal Agriculture: A Primer*, U.S. Congressional Research Service, RL32948 (Dec. 22, 2014).

⁴¹ Purdue University, National Air Emissions Monitoring Study: Emissions Data From Two Free Stall Barns and a Milking Center at a Dairy Farm in Indiana-Site IN5B, Final Report (2010).

⁴² American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (“ASABE”) Standard ASAE EP470, *Manure Storage Safety* (1992); R. Koelsch, *Managing Livestock Odors: Principles, Assessment and Planning*, EC95-745, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension (1995), <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2638&context=extensionhist>; National Pork Board, *Swine Manure Storage and Handling Practices to Minimize Odors* (2007).

⁴³ Environmental Integrity Project, *Raising a Stink: Air Emissions From Factory Farms*, https://environmentalintegrity.org/pdf/publications/CAFOAirEmissions_white_paper.pdf.

⁴⁴ Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry, ToxFaq: Hydrogen Sulfide (2014); National Ag Safety Database, *Manure Gas Dangers Fact Sheet* (2002); KH Kilburn, *Evaluating Health Effects from Exposures to Hydrogen Sulfide: Central Nervous System Dysfunction*, Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology (1999).

the nose and throat above 25 ppm. Ammonia can also trigger asthma attacks in some asthmatics,⁴⁵ which is particularly concerning for children.⁴⁶

Beyond asthma, exposure to particulate matter and other harmful gases from CAFOs can have other deleterious effects including chronic lung and cardiovascular disease. Odors from these emissions can also harm a community's quality of life, preventing people from spending time outside, and impacting mental health.⁴⁷

The serious public health risks from CAFO air and water pollution are undeniable and Indiana's confined feeding regulations are wholly ineffective to address them. Therefore, we call on IDEM to include Indiana's confined feeding rules to the list of regulations that should be replaced or significantly modified as failing to protect the environment, imposing undue medical costs on Hoosiers, and not based on best available science.

Thank you for considering our comments and suggestions for regulations that should be repealed, replaced, or modified for failure to meet the criteria in EO 25-38.

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⁴⁶ C. Loftus, et.al., *Ambient Ammonia Exposures in an Agricultural Community and Pediatric Asthma Morbidity*, Epidemiology 26:794 801 (2015).

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To Whom It May Concern at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management,

Indiana Conservation Voters and the undersigned organizations and nearly 300 Hoosiers respectfully submit the attached comments on Executive Order 25-38. We look forward to how our comments and concerns will be incorporated and addressed by IDEM in their review and reporting process.

Thank you,
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Re: Comments Regarding EO 25-38

Indiana Conservation Voters (ICV) greatly appreciates the ability to comment on Executive Order [25-38](#) and respectfully submits the following comments on behalf of our members and the millions of Hoosiers impacted and protected by Indiana’s regulations. ICV works to champion solutions that improve our state’s environment, economy, and competitive edge. We support policies and regulations that maintain a balance between a healthy economy and healthy communities. We believe these goals are not mutually exclusive and can help drive each other.

From growing our nation’s food to the heartbeat of industry, Hoosiers know best that environmental stewardship and economic growth are not at odds when they share the common goal of providing the best lives possible for our communities. However, we are concerned that Executive Orders [25-38](#), [25-06](#), [25-49](#), [25-50](#), [25-17](#), [25-40](#), and [25-48](#) have the potential to cause unintended harm. Due to this concern, we have several questions we believe will add clarity to the process:

1. How will the administration strike a balance between a new early rule review process and existing responsibilities such as new rulemaking?
2. EO 25-38 mentions “undue burden” and identifies stakeholders as “businesses, communities, agencies, or industries.” How will the agency define “undue burden” and how will that be applied or weighted for *all* the stakeholders mentioned?

3. How will the administration prioritize rule reviews and consider interacting directives from federal and state legislative bodies?
4. Given the below average operating budget due to a reduction in state funds, how will this process affect IDEM's ability to implement existing regulations including issuing permits, providing technical assistance, monitoring our environment, enforcing compliance, and responding to emergencies?

Overall, existing regulations did not come about overnight. They were written in the history of our predecessors to protect future generations from past failures and bad actors. Prioritizing outdated, less efficient, and risky technologies runs the risk of costing Hoosier families not only their pocket book, but their health and wellbeing and potentially uses taxpayer dollars to prioritize and protect bad actors instead of the good ones. We believe bad actors pay a great deal of attention to Administrative Code citations and "unduly burdensome" regulatory clauses, and they will no doubt try to be front and center in this process. We urge Indiana to instead step forward into innovation that prioritizes stable resource management, resiliency, affordability, and safety.

We believe the experts across our state know their communities and have access to the best science available in their field. These experts crafted these regulations based on local needs and feedback to protect Hoosiers from things we oftentimes cannot see or taste but cause grave harm. We appreciate the goal of this administration to improve efficiency, however, searching for opportunities to rescind regulations written and maintained by knowledgeable stewards will disrupt, not improve, efficiency. Overall, we believe most of these ordinances, regulations, and policies were written to ensure growth and prosperity as opposed to stalling it.

Lastly, this potential process puts an undue burden on community members to defend their protections and navigate a system that takes time and resources away from their families. The people who benefit most from these regulations rarely, if ever, interact with Indiana state code or comment periods such as this one. Because they are often not in the room, we urge IDEM to prioritize the burdens of hard-working Hoosiers and hold a public hearing and chance for comment for each and every rule and regulation you intend to rescind or alter.

In conclusion, we have two recommendations for this process to ensure the health and well-being of our fellow Hoosiers:

1. Ensure regional, science-based regulations are upheld and maintained by the experts living in those communities to continue to adapt and maintain those rules as they deem necessary based on changing circumstances.
2. Prior to rescinding or revising each and every regulation, hold a public hearing and comment period to ensure affected communities have the opportunity to participate and receive answers to their questions.

We, the undersigned, present these considerations, questions, concerns to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and to Governor Mike Braun.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Clint Woods
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Re: Indiana Executive Order 25-38, *Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation*

Dear Commissioner Woods:

In accordance with EO 25-38, "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation," and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) specific request seeking input from entities and individuals affected by Indiana's environmental regulations, Indiana Pork provides the following comments regarding Indiana's confined feeding control program found at IC 13-18-10 and 327 IAC 19.

General Support for Indiana's Confined Feeding Control Program

Indiana's pork farmers are serious about protecting the environment because they live in the communities where their farms are located. In many instances, Indiana's confined feeding control laws are more stringent than their federal Clean Water Act counterparts, and Indiana Pork is supportive of this. Indiana's regulatory structure offers protection against nuisance litigation and other environmentally related lawsuits. Farmers can use records indicating regulatory compliance as an indication that negligence was not a factor, which is very important when trying to utilize Indiana's Right to Farm law as an affirmative defense. (IC 32-30-7-9)

It is also important to note that by the state occupying this regulatory space, it preempts local units of government from enacting their own regulations. Indiana's home rule statute specifically withholds from local units the power to regulate conduct already regulated by a state agency. (IC 36-1-3-8(a)(7)) Reasonable state regulation will always yield a more consistent, manageable regulatory environment for our members than a patchwork of differing local ordinances.

While the preservation of Indiana's regulatory structure for confined feeding operations generally is of great importance to our members, no regulation is completely without overreach. In that spirit, we submit the following suggestions.

Overbroad Statutory Notification Requirements and Agency Notification Requirements with No Underlying Authority

IC 13-18-10-2 discusses the notification requirements expected of an applicant requesting approval for a confined feeding operation under IC 13-18-10-1. The only portion of a proposed new facility or the proposed expansion of an existing facility that should require public notice is new manure containment capacity. While we agree that full compliance with IDEM design and operational standards must be assured, increases of animal capacity and the replacement of existing manure containment capacity should not require public notice as those changes will not materially affect residents and landowners in the notification area. Only new manure containment capacity due to the proposal of a new site or the expansion of an existing site should trigger the notice requirements at IC 13-18-10-2.

State Form 55051, the application that must be submitted for confined feeding approvals, includes notification requirements that exist neither in statute nor rule. In Section XII, certain proposed changes to an existing approval

require notification to county officials and adjoining landowners. While there are provisions for ½ mile notice in both statute and rule, there is no reference to adjoining landowners. Notification requirements on State Form 55051 should not exceed the notification requirements required in statute, and to reiterate, statutory notice requirements should be limited in the manner described in the above paragraph.

Our specific recommendations are the following:

- Amend IC 13-18-10-2(b) to limit its applicability only to construction of new or increased manure storage capacity and update State Form 55051 and 327 IAC 19 accordingly
- Eliminate all reference to adjoining landowner notice in State Form 55051

Disclosure Requirements

The disclosure statement requirement at IC 13-18-10-1.4 has been a source of frustration and at times litigation for our members for years. It requires applicants to list previous environmental violations for a broad array of individuals affiliated with the applicant entity and requires the applicant and their environmental consultant to make determinations as to whether or not previous violations were material, and if deemed material, did they cause substantial endangerment to human health or the environment. Applicants should not be put in the position of making these subjective judgments on past violations. IDEM has general investigative authority under IC 13-18-10-2.1(a)(2). If the agency cares to investigate past violations of an applicant in order make a determination on a current application, it may choose to do so. IC 13-18-10-1.4 should be repealed.

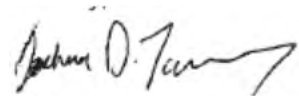
Certification by a Professional Engineer

When the design drawings submitted in a confined feeding application have already been certified by a professional engineer, the scrutiny of those plans by IDEM engineers should be severely limited. If an applicant has invested in the use of a certified professional engineer, IDEM should provide a greater level of professional deference than with other design submissions. Use of a professional engineer comes at significant expense. That expense multiplies quickly when IDEM engineers second guess those designs and require the engineer to provide further information and explanation to justify them. IDEM authority should be limited in this circumstance.

On the opposite end of the confined feeding permitting process, the requirement at 327 IAC 19-12-4(d) that all liquid manure storage facilities been certified upon completion by a registered professional engineer should be eliminated. IDEM inspectors visit confined feeding sites during construction to ensure manure storage facilities are being constructed as designed. Requiring certification by a professional engineer in addition to scrutiny of the construction by IDEM engineers is duplicative and a burdensome cost on applicants with no benefit to environmental protection.

Again, we appreciate this opportunity to provide these comments in accordance with EO 25-38, "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation," and IDEM's specific request seeking input from entities and individuals affected by Indiana's environmental regulations.

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Good afternoon,

American Electric Power Company, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to submit the attached comments in response to IDEM's May 30th email request for input and Executive Order 25-28 "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation".

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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RE: Comments on Executive Order 25-38 for Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation

On behalf of the Indiana Michigan Power Company (I&M), American Electric Power Company, Inc. (AEP) is providing these comments on Executive Order 25-38 for Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation. I&M operates the Rockport Plant in Spencer County, Indiana and maintains approximately 5,000 miles of transmission lines and 12,000 miles of distribution lines within the state, which are subject to the state's environmental regulations. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). In addition, we endorse the comments of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation and its subsidiary, Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation, in which AEP has an ownership interest. AEP would also like to express our endorsement of the comments provided by the Indiana Energy Association (IEA) and the Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA), of which we are members.

Indiana's hazardous waste regulations should align with federal regulations

Indiana's hazardous waste regulations should align with and be no more stringent than federal regulations. A specific example of where Indiana's regulations are overly burdensome, because they are more stringent than federal rules, is in the hazardous waste program, where IDEM has incorporated the federal rules by reference, but has deleted 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4)(ii). See 329 IAC 3.1-6-2(14). The federal rules at 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4)(ii) codify the Bevill exclusion, which states that certain wastes¹ generated primarily from processes that support the combustion of coal or other fossil fuels that are co-disposed of with fly ash, bottom ash, slag waste, and flue gas emission control waste are not hazardous wastes. By not incorporating this aspect of the federal rules, IDEM's program is more stringent than the federal law. Due to this difference, IDEM required waste characterization of materials being dredged from a bottom ash pond that also received coal pile runoff and floor, yard drain and sump effluents for disposal at an on-site Type I Restricted Waste Landfill. This was required even though fly ash, bottom ash, and flue gas desulfurization byproducts may be disposed of at a Type I restricted waste site without characterization,² and US EPA determined and codified that these uniquely associated wastes are non-

¹ The wastes include coal pile run-off, boiler cleaning solutions, boiler blowdown, process water treatment and demineralizer regeneration wastes, cooling tower blowdown, air heater and precipitator washes, effluents from floor and yard drains and sumps, and wastewater treatment sludges.

² 329 IAC 10-9-4(d)

hazardous when co-disposed with coal combustion residuals.³ This overly burdensome requirement significantly delayed one of our projects and increased costs, yet had no environmental benefit.

Furthermore, EPA's 2015 CCR rule codified the exemptions in 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4). In order that Indiana law be consistent with the federal CCR rule as required by IAC 13-19-3-3, IDEM must also recognize this exemption.

Indiana should continue to establish a state permit program under Section 2301 of the federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (42 U.S.C. 6945(d)) for the implementation of the federal CCR rule.

AEP supports IDEM's establishment of a state permit program to implement the federal CCR rule, as authorized by the WIIN Act and as outlined in IC 13-19-3-3. Indiana should continue working expeditiously with Indiana electric generators and US EPA to develop a program consistent with, and no more stringent than, the federal rule. Being dually regulated by Indiana's existing solid waste regulations and the federal CCR rule is overly burdensome, and in some cases, conflicting. The IEA has previously provided comments and suggestions⁴ on how IDEM could go about incorporating the federal rule by reference for expeditious approval.

Indiana's effluent limits should align with federal limits

Under 327 IAC 5, IDEM implements the Pollution Control Standards (PCS) set forth by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) for discharges into the Ohio River. IDEM's permit drafting process considers ORSANCO's standards along with EPA guidelines to establish effluent limits, adopting the more stringent of the two. It is important to note that ORSANCO's PCS' and the associated compact do not include any mechanisms to compel member states to adhere to these standards. ORSANCO recognizes the rights of individual states. IDEM's current water quality standards are instrumental in safeguarding the health and well-being of Indiana's citizens while also preserving the integrity of the environment. In light of these considerations, it is recommended that compliance with ORSANCO standards be removed from the IAC to streamline regulatory processes.

Indiana should waive Section 401 Water Quality Certification for NWP 3

A Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) is a state-issued component of a federal permit that is required before a Section 404 permit can be issued. Under the provisions outlined in 40 CFR 121, states have the authority to waive the certification requirement, thereby satisfying the project proponent's obligation to obtain a WQC. When states choose to waive Section 401 WQCs, projects are still required to comply with federal standards and conditions; however, they are exempt from adhering to potentially stricter state regulations, which can streamline the permitting process and reduce delays. AEP has experienced delays to maintenance work under nationwide permit (NWP) 3 due to the need to obtain an individual Section 401 Water Quality Certification in Indiana. AEP respectfully requests IDEM waive or not further condition Section 401 WQC for NWP 3 during the next renewal cycle. The current permits

³ <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2015-00257/p-1442>

⁴ <https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/rulemaking/title-329-solid-waste-management-division/>

are set to expire on March 14, 2026, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to reissue its existing NWP and associated general conditions. This approach could facilitate timely maintenance project approvals while ensuring that essential federal water quality standards are maintained.

The Indiana Freshwater Mussel Augmentation Plan as means of compliance is inconsistent with Section 316(b)

In multiple NPDES permit renewals for facilities on the Ohio River, IDEM has required permittees to contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Indiana Freshwater Mussel Augmentation Plan.⁵ The Augmentation Plan uses the money to restore freshwater mussel populations in the Ohio River, including those that are federally listed as threatened or endangered. IDEM can request additional money in the future if necessary for the Plan's success. Some facilities can, alternatively, develop their own augmentation plans. The prior NPDES permit for the AEP Rockport Plant does not currently require an Augmentation Plan, but the permit renewal is currently under review at IDEM.

Clean Water Act (CWA) section 316(b) requires that "the location, design, construction, and capacity of cooling water intake structures reflect the best technology available for minimizing adverse environmental impact." CWA § 316(b). The CWA regulates cooling water intake structures because they can impact fish and shellfish and their eggs through impingement (entrapment of organisms on the outer part of the intake structures or against screening devices) or entrainment (organisms passing into and through cooling water systems). These same fish can serve as host fish for the larval form or glochidia of freshwater mussels. The loss of these fish could result in the incidental take of mussel glochidia.

According to IDEM, freshwater mussel augmentation efforts must be designed and completed in close coordination with knowledgeable experts and appropriate agency contacts. Mussel restoration through the freshwater mussel augmentation project is to minimize the take of the Ohio River freshwater mussel population and to address the natural resource injury to federally-listed species under the requirements of the Clean Water Act § 316(b).

Within the context of Section 316(b), mussel augmentation is a restoration measure. In the *Riverkeeper I* decision,⁶ the court found that EPA's acceptance of restoration measures cannot be used as a primary means of complying with the requirement to minimize adverse environmental impact from cooling water intake structures (CWIS). Section 316(b) requires the location, design, construction and capacity of CWIS to use best technology available (BTA) to minimize impact. While restoration measures, like mussel augmentation, compensate for environmental impacts after they happen, they do not prevent these impacts through proper design and technology at the intake structure. Using restoration measures as the main compliance method is against the intent of Section 316(b) and should not be a requirement in permits issued by IDEM when BTA can otherwise be implemented or demonstrated.

⁵ AES Indiana Petersburg Generating Station, NPDES Permit No. IN0002887 (May 7, 2025) (VFC #83807485) (\$170,000); Lawrenceburg Power, LLC, NPDES Permit No. IN0060950 (Dec. 13, 2022) (VFC #83451718) (\$50,000); IKEC Clifty Creek Station, NPDES Permit No. IN0001759 (Nov. 29, 2022) (VFC #83397697) (\$200,000); SABIC Innovative Plastics Mt. Vernon LLC, NPDES Permit No. IN0002101 (June 22, 2023) (VFC #83492334) (\$33,333.33).

⁶ *Riverkeeper, Inc. v. U.S. EPA*, 358 F.3d 174 (2d Cir. 2004)

Additionally, the required cost to participate in the augmentation program should be based on the magnitude of the incidental take and not on an arbitrary estimate. IDEM has created a framework for the propagation, augmentation, and establishment of freshwater mussels that will be undertaken by the State and Federal Natural Resource Trustees after the permittee has paid an allocation to address this impact. In the case of the Indiana Kentucky Electric Company Clifty Creek Plant, IDEM earlier required an allocation for the implementation of this Project of \$200,000, however, no justification was provided for this amount beyond the cost of establishing the program. If after implementation of the program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines that additional augmentation efforts are needed to meet the program's success criteria, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may determine that an additional allocation is needed from the permittee. This additional amount shall be no more than 25% of the permittee's original allocation share, or \$50,000, again, a seemingly arbitrary amount.

Should IDEM continue to require participation in its Freshwater Mussel Augmentation Plan, it should do so in a manner that is consistent with the magnitude of the presumed incidental take. Requiring the payment of fees to a program without limits and/or boundaries relative to the impacts is concerning.

Indiana should add flexibility for conducting performance tests for MATS

AEP's Rockport Plant demonstrated Low Emitting Electric Generating Unit (LEE) status for purposes of the Mercury Air Toxics Standards (MATS) rule through 12 quarterly Particulate Matter (PM) performance tests on the common stack with both units operating at or near design capacity. Currently, Rockport Plant is required to conduct a LEE ongoing demonstration test every 36 months with no grace period for extenuating circumstances. Under 40 CFR 63.10006 f(1)(iii), at least 1,050 calendar days, measured from the test's end date, must separate performance tests conducted every 3 years. Furthermore, under 40 CFR 63.10005 (h)(4), for a group of affected units that vent to a common stack, the plant must either assess LEE status for the units individually by performing a separate emission test of each unit in the duct leading from the unit to the common stack, or the plant may perform a single emission test in the common stack.

Due to market conditions and the complexity of the units, AEP recommends that IDEM allow individual unit testing at the common stack level and testing with a separation of at least 915 calendar days, as measured from the test's end date, between the performance tests conducted every 3 years. In addition, if a unit is offline when a deadline to perform the performance test passes, the performance test should be conducted within 30 calendar days after the re-start of the affected unit.

Indiana should harmonize CO monitoring regulations

AEP supports IEA's comment specifically recommending full harmonization of CO monitoring between 40 CFR 60 and 40 CFR 75. Full harmonization would eliminate the need for sources to adhere to multiple sets of rules for maintaining, validating, testing, and operating. By aligning with 40 CFR 75, which already includes rigorous quality assurance and quality control tests to ensure the accurate and reliable reporting of emissions, Indiana's CEMS operations would maintain the same level of accuracy as required by 40 CFR 60.



Indiana should clarify requirements for continuous emission monitoring availability and downtime

AEP supports IKEC's comment for enhanced clarity regarding monitoring availability and activities that lead to downtime. IDEM's Compliance Branch CEMS Guidance Manual is an appreciated resource; however, there are concerns regarding the document's legal implications and application. The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) outlines procedures that agencies must follow when creating new rules. These procedures include public notice and comment. While guidance documents are often exempt, using them as a basis for enforcement treats them as binding regulations, bypassing public participation. As stated in the manual, IDEM "makes determinations **on a case by case basis** as to any enforcement action(s) that may be taken". Evaluating compliance on a "case by case basis" can lead to arbitrary and inconsistent enforcement which raises concerns about fairness and predictability for regulated entities. IDEM should clarify that the CEMS Guidance Manual is a resource for understanding, but not a legally binding document on which violations can be issued. Additionally, AEP advocates for acceptable error codes for CEMS downtime and those that are deemed deviations. For example, CEMS downtime associated with required calibrations should not be deemed a deviation.

In summary, AEP and I&M encourage IDEM to seek opportunities to revise the state's environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, which in turn, increase the cost of electricity for customers. We urge IDEM to seek consistency with federal requirements, to streamline the regulatory process and to rely on the best available science which will benefit Indiana's environment and its residents. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Shannon Hemmerly of my staff at sthemmerly@aep.com or 214-536-6993.

Sincerely,

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Re: Comment on Indiana Executive Order 25-38, "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation"

Boron Regulation at Indiana Coal Combustion Residual Sites

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) requires Indiana's utilities to consider boron concentrations in groundwater in deciding whether costly corrective action or remediation is required. The requirement is imposed in IDEM approval letters for closure and post-closure of coal combustion residual (CCR) units at operating and retired coal-fired generating stations. Including boron in regulatory requirements for groundwater assessment and potential corrective action is unduly burdensome, costly to Hoosier rate payers, and more stringent than applicable federal requirements for CCR units in Indiana and nationwide.

Federal regulations for requiring groundwater corrective action are clear in 40 CFR Part 257- Criteria for Classification of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities and Practices (CCR Rule, April 2015) and the Legacy CCR Rule (May 2024). An Assessment of Corrective Measures and Selection of [a corrective action] Remedy are required when the concentration of any one or more of the Appendix IV to Part 257-Constituents for Assessment Monitoring list exceeds a groundwater protection standard concentration. Boron is not listed in these federal regulations for determining whether corrective action is required. However, IDEM's inclusion of boron as a Phase II constituent in closure and post-closure approval letters is more stringent than the federal requirement and should be reviewed in response to Executive Order 25-38. (In this context, a list of Phase II constituents is the regulatory equivalent of the Appendix IV list since both define testing to determine if corrective action is required. Indiana's list is more burdensome and stringent by including a constituent, boron, that is not required by the applicable federal regulation.) This opportunity to rescind boron as a Phase II parameter could be implemented by modifying and resending closure and post-closure approval letters.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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Subject: Indiana Chapter of National Waste and Recycling Association (“NWRA”) Feedback on Existing Environmental Regulations and Practices in Response to Governor Braun’s Executive Order 25-38

To Whom It May Concern:

The Indiana Chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association (“NWRA”) represents the private sector waste and recycling services industry and includes companies that manage solid, industrial/hazardous, medical, and construction/demolition debris waste, as well as a variety of other professional equipment manufacturers and service providers. Its Indiana Chapter members own and/or operate most municipal solid waste landfills (“MSWL”) in Indiana.

We appreciate the opportunity that Governor Braun has extended to the Indiana regulated community in signing Executive Order 25-38, “Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation” on March 12, 2025 which directs agencies like IDEM to identify and report opportunities to revisit or rescind environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana’s environment. We appreciate the Governor’s leadership in requiring a review of environmental rules currently in place that exceed applicable federal requirements without explicit direction. As discussed below, the NWRA requests that IDEM repeal 329 IAC 10-20-23 and promulgate the guidance language directly from 40 CFR §258.20 in its place. The NWRA also requests that IDEM continue to use the flexibility allowed by the regulations to continue to provide certainty to regulated entities rather imposing additional operational requirements in permits not required by regulatory or statutory requirements.

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”) was first passed in 1976¹ and has always recognized that a goal of the statute is “promote improved solid waste management techniques...new and improved methods of collection,

¹ When RCRA was passed in 1976, it was an amendment of the Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965. Waste regulations are some of the oldest and most developed in the United States and Indiana.

separation, and recovery of solid waste, and the environmentally safe disposal of nonrecoverable residues...” 42 U.S.C. §6902(a). Subtitle D of RCRA deal with solid (non-hazardous) waste and indicated that the Administrator of the EPA would promulgate guidelines for states to develop and implement solid waste regulations. *See* 42 U.S.C. §6942(b). Congress specifically intended that the guidelines allow flexibility to consider the local environmental conditions as well as the types of industry and wastes within areas. 42 U.S.C. §6942(c). Pursuant to that mandate to provide the guidelines states must follow, EPA promulgated 40 CFR Part 258 in 1991 setting the criteria states must follow for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.

These regulations were not the first regulations applicable to landfills in Indiana. The Indiana Stream Pollution Control Board established standards for landfill siting and operations in 1974, and these regulations were updated and codified several times between 1974 and 1990. The Indiana General Assembly passed Public Law 10-1990 making substantial changes to existing solid waste laws. Given the long history of regulations, modern landfills are sophisticated, engineered facilities designed to minimize environmental impacts to land, air, and surface and groundwater through engineering, management, and monitoring. Modern landfill design features include engineered composite liners meeting engineering criteria minimizing the change for any potential release, methane gas and leachate collection systems, and permanent groundwater monitoring networks. Operations are carefully managed to maximize space utilization and minimize environmental impacts and to ensure the long-term viability and reduce future potential issues. Landfills are expected to operate for many decades and to be monitored for many decades after closure and thus careful consideration is put into siting, management, and monitoring. Most landfills are designed and managed by entities that have extensive and specialized landfill training.

For decades, the members of the NWRA have had the privilege to work with permitting and enforcement staff at IDEM to solve problems while protecting Indiana’s environment. Our members live in Indiana too – and value environmentally protective policies. The federal regulations and Indiana’s regulations guiding landfills at 329 IAC 10 followed the mandate of RCRA to provide flexibility to take into account different regional conditions and industries and towards that end IDEM personnel have traditionally been willing to work with Indiana landfills to issue permits with conditions that are environmentally protective but recognize that a “one-size-fits-all” approach may not work for every landfill due either to its history, special conditions due to the community in which is it located, or other particular facts. Within the past several years, IDEM has persistently failed to continue using all of the flexibility allowed by the solid waste regulations – rather changing permits (some renewals of long-term operation permits) making additional requirements that are not triggered either by a change in regulation or a change in circumstance – but seemingly due to changing permit-writer’s preferences. While these changes may seem benign, they often trigger

excessive operational changes that disrupt the industry. Thus, except as discussed below, the NWRA is not commenting that the regulations need to change – rather IDEM needs to consistently follow the regulations when issuing permits or conducting inspections rather than changing interpretations or preferences as personnel changes. The NWRA does not understand how or why renewal permits impose additional and new requirements when there have been no statutory or regulatory changes.

With respect to enforcement, our industry believes that fair enforcement ensures a level playing field amongst all members – the industry benefits when IDEM identifies for enforcement those activities where wrongful conduct should be deterred for the good of Indiana and the industry. However, in recent years IDEM has failed to use enforcement discretion as it did in the past, especially for those instances where the industry could not have avoided the alleged non-compliance. In the past IDEM inspectors and enforcement staff would not issue NOVs if (1) the regulated entity could not have prevented the issue; and (2) the regulated entity made reasonable efforts to remedy the issue. Despite managing for many expected contingencies – unexpected occurrences may happen. Rather than analyzing whether the regulated entity could have foreseen and prevented the issue, IDEM now takes a “hindsight is 20-20” approach.

This “hindsight is 20-20” approach is most evident in one example where IDEM’s regulations do require more than the corresponding federal guidelines. Both federal and state law require that MSWLs have a procedure in place to detect and prevent the disposal of regulated hazardous wastes and polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCB”) wastes. The federal requirement is set forth in 40 CFR §258.20:

§ 258.20 Procedures for excluding the receipt of hazardous waste.

(a) Owners or operators of all MSWLF units must implement a program at the facility for detecting and preventing the disposal of regulated hazardous wastes as defined in part 261 of this chapter and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) wastes as defined in part 761 of this chapter. This program must include, at a minimum:

(1) Random inspections of incoming loads unless the owner or operator takes other steps to ensure that incoming loads do not contain regulated hazardous wastes or PCB wastes;

(2) Records of any inspections;

(3) Training of facility personnel to recognize regulated hazardous waste and PCB wastes; and

(4) Notification of State Director of authorized States under Subtitle C of RCRA or the EPA Regional Administrator if in an unauthorized State if a regulated hazardous waste or PCB waste is discovered at the facility.

(b) For purposes of this section, *regulated hazardous waste* means a solid waste that is a hazardous waste, as defined in 40 CFR 261.3, that is not excluded from regulation as a hazardous waste under 40 CFR 261.4(b) or was not generated by a very small quantity generator as defined in § 260.10 of this chapter.

IDEM's corresponding regulation includes additional requirements not included in the federal regulations such as not allowing inspection to happen at the working face, requiring removal within 90 days regardless of the circumstances, and not including the same exception as not being generated by a very small quantity generator:

329 IAC 10-20-23 Control program for regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, and unauthorized solid waste.

(a) The owner, operator, or permittee of an MSWLF shall implement a program at the MSWLF for detecting and preventing the disposal of regulated hazardous waste as determined by 40 CFR 261.3 or 329 IAC 3.1, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) waste as defined in 40 CFR 761, and unauthorized solid waste. This program must include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Random inspections of incoming loads unless the owner, operator, or permittee takes other steps to ensure that incoming loads do not contain regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, or unauthorized solid waste. A random inspection program must include the following:

(A) An inspection conducted by an individual, or individuals, trained to identify regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, or unauthorized solid waste that would not be acceptable for disposal at the MSWLF.

(B) Loads must be inspected prior to actual disposal of the waste at the working face to provide the owner, operator, or permittee the opportunity to refuse to accept the waste.

(C) Loads must be inspected in a manner that does not present a threat to human health and the environment.

(D) The frequency must result in screening at least two percent (2%) of all waste loads.

(E) The commissioner may require additional inspections or steps be taken to adequately control the receipt of regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, and unauthorized solid waste.

(F) This program may be modified to increase the frequency based on results of the initial program.

(2) If an alternative program to random inspections is going to be utilized then a description of the alternative program must be maintained on site and provided to the commissioner upon request. At a minimum, an alternative program must provide an equivalent level of detection or protection as the random inspections describe[d] in subdivision (1). The alternative program may be reviewed and modified by the commissioner to assure equivalency.

(3) Records of any inspections.

(4) Training of MSWLF personnel to identify or recognize the visual indications of regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, or unauthorized solid waste.

(5) Written notification must be mailed within forty-eight (48) hours, or two (2) working days, to the commissioner if a regulated hazardous waste, or PCB waste is discovered at the MSWLF.

(b) If the owner, operator, or permittee of a MSWLF detects regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, or unauthorized solid waste, the owner, operator, or permittee shall remove and segregate the waste immediately. The waste shall be handled as follows:

(1) Any regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, or unauthorized solid waste that is detected by the owner, operator, or

permittee must be managed in accordance with applicable Indiana and federal regulations.

(2) Any regulated hazardous waste, PCB waste, or unauthorized solid waste that is segregated must be adequately secured and

contained to prevent leakage or a threat to human health and the environment.

(3) The owner, operator, or permittee shall cause the waste to be removed as soon as practicable, but not to exceed ninety (90) days after discovery, by a person authorized by applicable state and federal regulations to transport such waste to a MSWLF approved by applicable state and federal regulations to receive it for treatment, storage, disposal, transfer, processing, recycling, or composting.

(4) The owner, operator, or permittee shall maintain a record on site identifying the date of discovery of the waste, the identity of the waste, including source, if known, and a description of how the waste was managed.

IDEM's stricter requirements have imposed hardships on Indiana landfills that have not been imposed upon its competitor landfills in other states – for example – IDEM's regulation requires that the hazardous waste be removed within 90 days without exception, while neighboring states like Ohio will evaluate whether or not leaving the waste in place will create environmental risk. The NWRA requests that IDEM repeal 329 IAC 10-20-23 and promulgate the corresponding language from 40 CFL §258.20.²

Furthermore, IDEM assumes that if hazardous waste is inadvertently disposed of in a MSWL, that the MSWL hazardous waste detection program must have automatically failed – and cites the MSWL for a violation of 329 IAC 10-20-23. IDEM ignores that the federal requirements only require a robust inspection program, which can include inspections but does not require that *every single load*

² The NWRA is aware that other regulations may be applicable to require removal – such as the federal Land Disposal Restrictions (“LDRs”) and is not advocating that IDEM ignore other requirements, rather, the NWRA is requesting that IDEM follow other states and review these other requirements as part of its analysis in decisions about whether wastes should be removed.

must be inspected or that the program be perfect. There are times that (1) generators make mistakes and despite the MSWL's best efforts at questioning them waste may inadvertently be sent to the wrong place; (2) the generator and not the MSWL is in the best place to have generator knowledge to identify hazardous wastes (especially listed wastes), (3) you cannot tell that a waste is hazardous just by looking at it; and (4) that expecting MSWLs to identify every hazardous waste that might cross the scales in hundreds and hundreds of trucks that visit Indiana landfills each year impermissibly shifts the onus from generators (who are in the best position to know their wastes and are by law required by characterize such wastes) to landfills. Thus, in addition to the NWRA's request to modify 329 IAC 10-20-23 to make it mirror 40 C.F.R. § 258.20 (including specifically the requirements that inspections happen before the working face and automatically requiring removal within 90 days), the Indiana Chapter of the NWRA requests that IDEM also modify 329 IAC 10-20-23 to require IDEM to use enforcement discretion in where hazardous wastes have been sent to MSWLs when MSWLs have followed best industry practices in their waste acceptance processes.

The Indiana Chapter of the NWRA believes that addressing these concerns will significantly contribute to "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation" will foster regulatory certainty and will be consistent with the regulatory practices of Indiana's neighboring states while still protecting Indiana's environment in which our members also reside. We have begun discussions of some of these issues with IDEM's Management, and we appreciate IDEM's time and efforts to understand our concerns and look forward to continuing our work with IDEM. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully submitted,

The Indiana Chapter of the National Waste
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On Jun 30, 2025, at 2:17 PM, blair <blair@valleywatch.net> wrote:

Attached and below are the written comments submitted by Valley Watch, Inc. regarding Governor Braun's Executive Orders that IDEM requested be filed by today. Please acknowledge receiving them.

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June 30, 2025

RE: Comments by Valley Watch, Inc. on IDEM's request for comments on Indiana Environmental Regulatory Reform

To whom it man concern:

Valley Watch, Inc. is an Indiana Not For Profit Corporation established in 1981 for the purpose of "Protecting the public health and environment of the lower Ohio River Valley." In that capacity, we have testified at more than 1,000 hearing and meetings, challenged numerous new source permits in Indiana and Kentucky, both pro se and with representation and been a voice in local, regional and national media. We also have helped numerous fledgling organizations stand up against local and regional polluters, almost always when asked to do so. Our main issue when we decide to get involved in an issue has and always will be "public health."

We have read all seven Executive Orders issued by Governor Braun that are the subjects of these comments and are extremely concerned that in all seven Orders, the word "health" **only appears once** and that is in EO-25-06 in the Preamble where it is used as the word "healthy." It is clear that public health is not a priority of the Governor in issuing his numerous Executive Orders.

That is very concerning since Indiana has numerous issues with a variety of public health issues, like infant mortality. And further, Indiana is near or at the bottom of a variety of comparative studies regarding Quality of Life, air and water pollution, wetland destruction, recreational opportunities, and perhaps most important-the industrial release of health harming toxic pollutants. This complete dismissal of health issues when it comes to regulatory reform should scare the wits out of all Hoosiers as well as prospective businesses that might seek to locate in our state.

This attitude creates a vicious circle of polluters seeking to locate here because we have chosen to foul our own nest and they see an opening in a state with lax regulatory requirements designed to protect Hoosier health.

While Valley Watch stipulates that Indiana environmental regulations may sometimes be overreaching, that is mainly true for relatively small entities that are required to appease regulators with seemingly massive paper work that does little or nothing to reduce the enormous levels of pollution that are allowed by those same regulators for industries that are some of most polluting and profitable in the world. Larger entities and often the largest polluters can afford to have entire departments dedicated to environmental compliance while smaller firms struggle to fill out all the paper work that Indiana demands. In other words, pollution is just fine as long as there is a paper trail to support it.

Valley Watch has also observed that there is little or no effort to "enforce" common sense regulations protective of health, requiring the US Environmental Protection Agency to step in, often too late to stop deleterious health impacts that IDEM has chosen to overlook. Instead, IDEM almost always says it will give polluters a chance to comply at some future date through the only enforcement tool they regularly use which is some form of "jaw boning" as it the polluter should always be given a second, third or even fourth chance to meet the requirements outlined in their IDEM issued permits.

Permitting is often a sick joke.

IDEM has repeatedly stated that as long as a permit applicant crosses all their "T"s and dots all their "I"s IDEM will give them permission to pollute at almost any level. It does not matter if that pollution causes asthma, cancer, heart attacks or strokes. That is what prompted Valley Watch to create this memo-[image002.png](#). In 2005, newly appointed IDEM Commissioner, Tom Easterly met with various state legislators and was proud to declare that those legislators should think of IDEM as an "Economic Development Agency." While economic development is something that should be considered when discussing environmental regulation, it should never take priority over environment and health.

When IDEM does a permit review whether as a new source or an existing source the burden of proving compliance is not really placed on the applicant, or the Agency since the Agency will work with the applicant, altering the permit sufficiently until IDEM says is in compliance. Permits are almost guaranteed, regardless of any likely ill health impacts the facility might cause.

One of the recurring themes of the seven Executive Orders, particularly EO-25-38, is the idea that no Indiana regulation should be more stringent than similar Federal rules. That has been part of the Indiana Code for many years so it is completely unneeded as an Executive Order.

IDEM should not be solely judged by the speed or quantity of permits issued

EO-25-40 treats permitting as some sort of game where the most permits issued is somehow the winner, especially if those permits are issued in a way that expedites the applicant being able to put shovels in the ground.

When it comes to toxic and carcinogenic pollution, facilities that are likely to end up causing early deaths or morbidity should not be rushed. Indeed, IDEM should work with concerned local residents as much as they work with the polluters to assure permission to pollute is granted. Instead, nearly all communication is only between the applicant and the Permit reviewer and local residents are often left in the dark having to completely rely on the reviewer timely placing records of meetings and phone calls with an applicant in the Virtual File Cabinet, if ever. This lack of transparency must end.

RE: EO-25-48

This Order treats nuclear energy as some sort of panacea for our energy needs without regard to cost, who pays, or safety, not only from plant operations but also from external forces like terrorists or enemy governments.

Indiana has experience in the nuclear industry and their incessant misinformation that they use to gain political support. In the middle 1970s Public Service Indiana (now Duke Energy) sought to build a nuclear plant on the Ohio River near Hanover. A few year prior, PSI gathered political support for the project, stating that it would be the largest capital investment ever in the Hoosier State at \$700 million. With that political support in hand, the hearing conducted by the US Nuclear Regulatory commission in Madison in September 1977, the estimate price for the facility without a spade of dirt turned was already twice the earlier figure at \$1.4 billion.

Long story short-When the Administration of Governor Robert Orr said in early 1984 that the State was withdrawing its support for the project because PSI could not say precisely what the ultimate cost to build would be, PSI had already spent \$2.8 billion with cost rising so rapidly that PSI could not spend money fast enough to ever finish the project. Of course, PSI expected their captive ratepayers to assume that loss but through the efforts of opponents, ratepayers were only on the hook for a portion of the project costs.

This same scenario was repeated across the USA and the globe but when such huge quantities of money are involved it seems that memories are short. The most recent example is the Vogtle plant in Georgia. That plant was delayed for years due to cost overrun and ineptitude of its sponsor and ended up costing more than \$35 billion, creating the most expensive electrical generation on earth.

But there is more than cost which the Indiana Legislature has required Hoosier ratepayers to cover, there is also questions of safety, security and what to do with the high level nuclear waste such plants will create.

Safety issues speak for themselves. Fermi, Browns Ferry, Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and Fukushima have all taught us that nuclear industry promises of safety are essentially specious. We will stipulate that most reactors have not melted down like the examples above. But there are also numerous documented near misses at a variety of reactors in the USA and globally.

Along with safety, there is often the added threat of nuclear plants being a terrorist target. Valley Watch has personally observed a general lack of adequate security at numerous nukes. A dedicated cell of terrorists could easily gain access to a nuclear plant and conceivably hold an entire country hostage with the threat of forcing a meltdown and release of huge levels of radiation that could end up maiming and killing a widespread population.

These two factors are evident in your own home insurance policy which exempts both nuclear accidents and acts of terror, meaning common people have to cover their own loss should either occur. Of course we have the 1954 Price-Anderson Act which limits the liability of a nuclear accident to an obscenely low figure compared to what actual losses could be.

Then there is the issue pf nuclear waste. Time and again, the "solution" to how to handle and dispose of nuclear waste has just been "around the corner," according to the nuclear industry. But surprise, there exists no such solution and in actuality there is likely to be none ever for a waste that could easily be converted into hundreds of dirty nuclear bombs since it only takes five kilograms of plutonium to create what is referred to as critical mass needed to build a bomb. But it does not end there. The half life of plutonium, a form of nuclear waste generated in commercial nuclear reactors, is a whopping 24,000 years and it takes about ten half lives to become impotent. That is four times longer than humans have walked the Earth. Research has indicated that a mere speck of plutonium breathed in by a person is likely to cause a deadly cancer for that person at some point in the future.

EO-25-49

This one is a doozy. It is nearly complete denial that climate change is an issue that needs to be addressed. Purdue University, no bastion of liberal thinking, recently project that Vanderburgh County will have more than ninety days a year with temperatures greater than 95° by the year 2100. Much of Indiana just went through several continuous days at about the same temperature and it caused health and wellness problems for many. Those without air conditioning (which exacerbates climate change due to its carbon loading from the burning of coal and other fossil energy) really suffered.

Denying that climate change is a problem or even exists will do nothing but hasten the problems that result. This Executive Order is directly opposite of what should actually occur and the Governor who created a bi-partisan climate caucus while in the US Senate knows better but apparently does not care what his progeny will have to face.

Together with EO-25-50, southwest Indiana will be badly hurt from ever greater environmental disease precursors like mosquitos and other pests while seeing untold species on the Earth face extinction.

EO-25-50

Coal Kills!<[cidclip_image003.png](#)>

Asthma, cancer, stroke, heart attack and a variety of respiratory illness are often the direct result of breathing fine particles. In southwest Indiana the preponderance of fine particles comes from the burning of coal in one of the huge number of coal fired power plants that dot the region. These plants release huge levels of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and toxins like mercury which affect neural development in children.

When these plants were built, mostly in the 1960s and 1970s, little was known about the deleterious health impacts coal burning would cause. So, we built the biggest coal plants in the world. Duke's Gibson (3,340 megawatts), I&M's Rockport (2,600 megawatts) IPL's Petersburg (2,000+ megawatts) supply the energy needs of regions far removed from their source leaving this region to suffer with the resulting pollution including massive quantities of coal ash which is contaminating the region's ground and

surface water with mercury, boron, arsenic and a variety of other chemistry. And, since pollution does not respect political boundaries even more large coal plants remain in operation to the south in Kentucky, all with the same type of problems.

Then there is coal mining. Southwest Indiana is one of the major centers of coal mining in the USA. That mining has completely destroyed entire ecosystems with very little regulation from either the State or the Federal governments. Those mines have left a legacy of filthy communities, acid mine drainage altered terrain and broken homes for people who live near-by. Yes, the coal industry has provided generally well paying jobs for those who are willing to endure respiratory problems like black lung, asthma and mesothelioma. But most coal communities are a picture of poverty and early death.

In Summary

While we can agree that the regulatory regime for the environment and health in Indiana could stand some improvement, especially in paper work, these Executive Orders are mostly in the wrong direction with the wrong intent. Regulation intended to improve public health should be added and greater enforcement of existing regulations is definitely warranted. Superfluous regulations should be either dropped or improved but health should always be the determinant criteria for Indiana's regulation for environment and health.

Eliminating regulations that are of real value will only improve the profits of polluters and send more people to emergency rooms or morgues. The greatest benefits of regulation are the real creation of employment through new technology that are driven by improved rules instead of the main economic development accruing to hospitals and health insurance providers.

If the Governor wants to reduce Indiana regulation, we would suggest the elimination of IDEM and let the federal government take over permitting and enforcement. Of course we know that will not happen since it is clear that Indiana is a state lacking the political will to protect its citizenry. That is sad.

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Hello,

I am an Indianapolis resident (46220) writing to submit the below public comment in opposition of executive order 25-38, which directs Indiana state agencies to roll back environmental regulations at the state level that are stronger than the federal minimum.

This executive order raises several important concerns regarding the health and safety of Hoosiers and our natural environment.

First, rolling back environmental regulations to the federal minimum does not take into account Indiana's unique landscapes and industries. A federal regulation sets the minimum for 50 states, who are completely varied in their size, environments, and economies. Maintaining state regulations allows Indiana to make the best decisions for the protection of our natural resources and Hoosier health.

State-specific rules protect shared natural resources like water and air. While the executive order aims to make things more efficient for business and development, the true cost will be making a state that is unlivable for the people who would work at those businesses. We literally need clean air and water to survive. Rolling back our unique state protections of those resources puts Hoosiers' health at risk.

Lastly, protecting our natural resources and environment with state-specific regulations harms our state economy. Indiana already struggles to attract and retain talent and labor. Allowing for more environmental degradation will not do us any favors. Where communities are working to build economies around recreation and ecotourism, this executive order could kill the hard work of Hoosiers who are proud of their waterways, recreational areas, trails, and more.

I am concerned about the impacts Executive Order 25-28 on Indiana's industries and natural resources, and am opposed to the order.

Thank you for your time,

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38, which seeks to curb environmental regulations that exceed limits set by the EPA. Limits from the federal government are a floor, not a ceiling. Furthermore, the current federal administration only seems to be interested in walking back environmental regulations. So, are we to simply follow them off that cliff? Indiana must maintain its ability to protect and regulate our unique natural environment appropriately at the state level.

I am so tired of seeing our air, water, and soil quality get sacrificed for short-term economic gain. And who will benefit most from this economic gain? Is this going to address the growing wealth inequality or the high rates of poverty experienced by many Indiana counties (including mine)? Unlikely. Like most environmental deregulation, this capitulates to corporations, permitting them to pollute the shared environment and line their pockets while the rest of us foot the bill with our health and irreversible destruction to precious ecosystems. Can we not think of more creative and less destructive ways to stimulate Indiana's economy? Please remember that human health is inextricably linked to the health of our environment.

This directive from Governor Braun demonstrates a lack of long-term vision, consideration for downstream consequences, and care for the health of Hoosiers. We will pay for "Relaxing Excessive Environmental Regulation" in the future when chronic diseases linked to poor air and water quality (respiratory diseases, cancers, etc.) increase. This will increase healthcare costs for Hoosiers and reduce their economic productivity. I implore anyone who is in a position to prevent this executive order to take a holistic view of its true costs. Not just in today's dollars for today's Hoosiers, but also considering the long-term costs and negative impacts on health and quality of life for future generations who will live here. Please do not allow the signing of Executive Order 25-38.

Sincerely,

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Dear Governor Braun & IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

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Hello,

On behalf of Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., please find attached comments in response to IDEM's public notice seeking input on existing regulations. We are available if you have questions regarding the comments. Thank you for your attention.

Best,

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RE: Hoosier Energy Comments on IDEM Public Notice: *IDEM Seeks Public Input on Evaluation of Existing Regulations*

Dear IDEM Representative,

Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Hoosier Energy) submits the following comments in response to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) request for public input on existing policies and regulations. IDEM seeks public input pursuant to Governor Braun's Executive Order (EO) 25-38, *Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation*. EO 25-38 says that "[t]he State of Indiana shall not adopt any new environmental rules, regulations, or programs that are more stringent than an applicable federal requirement or limitation unless expressly required by Indiana state law or deemed necessary by the Governor's Office to address specific, unique needs within our State." Further, the EO directs "[a]gencies responsible for environmental regulations should identify state environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment." In response to the EO, IDEM asked the public to identify regulations that meet the criteria of the EO and provide suggestions for repeal, replacement, or modification of those regulations. Hoosier Energy appreciates the opportunity to provide this feedback. For convenience, we organized our comments by IDEM office.

Sincerely,



Jessica Reiss

COMMENTS ADDRESSING LAND QUALITY CONCERNS

1. Approval of Closure and Post-Closure Certifications

Hoosier Energy requests that IDEM revise several solid waste rules to clarify that automatic approval of closure or post-closure certifications occurs upon expiration of the IDEM review period. The following solid waste rules provide that closure or post-closure certifications are “deemed adequate” if IDEM does not issue a notice of deficiency within 90 or 150 days.

Facility Type	Closure	Post Closure Certification	Post Closure Commencement
Municipal Solid Waste Landfills:	329 IAC 10-22-8(c): “The final closure certification will be deemed adequate unless within ninety (90) days of receipt of the final closure certification the commissioner issues a notice of deficiency of closure, including action necessary to correct the deficiency.”	329 IAC 10-23-4: “The post-closure certification will be deemed adequate, unless within ninety (90) days of receipt of the post-closure certification and subsequent review, the commissioner issues notice of the deficiency of post-closure, including actions necessary to correct the deficiency.”	329 IAC 10-23-2(b): “Post-closure requirements imposed by this section must be followed for a period of thirty (30) years after the following applicable date: (1) If the final closure certification is deemed adequate, the date the final closure certification is received by the commissioner in accordance with 329 IAC 10-22-8(a).”
Restricted Waste Sites Type I and Type II and Nonmunicipal Solid Waste Landfills:	329 IAC 10-30-7(b): “The final closure will be deemed adequate unless within one hundred fifty (150) days of receipt of the documentation required by subsection (a), the commissioner issues a notice of deficiency of final closure, including additional action that needs to be taken and the timetable for the necessary additional actions.”	329 IAC 10-31-4: “The post-closure certification will be deemed adequate unless within one hundred fifty (150) days of receipt of the post-closure certification, the commissioner issues notice of the deficiency of post-closure, including actions necessary to correct the deficiency.”	329 IAC 10-31-2(b): “Post-closure requirements imposed by this section must be followed for a period of thirty (30) years following the date of final closure certification in accordance with 329 IAC 10-30-7.”

Facility Type	Closure	Post Closure Certification	Post Closure Commencement
Restricted Waste Site Type III and Construction/ Demolition Sites:	329 IAC 10-37-7(b): “The final closure will be deemed adequate unless within one hundred fifty (150) days of receipt of the documentation required by subsection (a), the commissioner issues a notice of deficiency of final closure, including additional action that needs to be taken and the timetable for the necessary additional actions.”	329 IAC 10-38-4: “The post-closure certification will be deemed adequate unless within one hundred fifty (150) days of receipt of the post-closure certification, the commissioner issues notice of the deficiency of post-closure, including actions necessary to correct the deficiency.”	329 IAC 10-38-2(b): “Post-closure requirements imposed by this section must be followed for a period of thirty (30) years following the date of final closure certification in accordance with 329 IAC 10-37-7.”

Hoosier Energy submitted the Closure Certification for the Merom Area 1, 2A, and 2B Type II Restricted Waste Landfills (FP 77-03) on March 10, 2023 (VFC # [83444843](#)). With the passage of 150 days since the submittal to IDEM and with no notice of deficiency having been issued by IDEM, the Landfill Closure Certification was deemed adequate as of August 7, 2023. In accordance with 329 IAC 10-31-2(b), the post-closure period began on “the date of final closure certification.” This could either be the date Hoosier Energy submitted the closure certification to IDEM or the date the closure certification was “deemed adequate” by expiration of the review period. However, in email exchanges in late 2024, IDEM indicated that IDEM must issue a final closure approval before the facility enters post-closure care.

This is problematic for two reasons. Obviously, the beginning of the post-closure period would be delayed by 2 years for no apparent reason. More importantly, at this point the closure certification has been “deemed adequate.” As a result, IDEM *cannot* identify any deficiencies or ask for any additional information regarding the closure. If the closure certification is adequate, the only thing IDEM can do is approve it. Yet IDEM has delayed issuing the approval without communicating the cause of the delay.

As you can see from the third column of the table, for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, the rules clarify that if the final closure certification has been “deemed adequate” by passage of the review period, then the facility enters the post-closure period on the date the final closure certification “is received by” IDEM. The rules do not provide such clarity for Restricted Waste Sites Types I, II, and III, Nonmunicipal Solid Waste Landfills, and Construction/ Demolition Sites.

To resolve this disparity, Hoosier Energy proposes that IDEM make the following rule revisions:

329 IAC 10-31-2 for Restricted Waste Sites Type I and Type II and Nonmunicipal Solid Waste Landfills:

(b) Post-closure requirements imposed by this section must be followed for a period of thirty (30) years **after the** following ~~the~~ **applicable** date ~~of~~:

(1) If the final closure certification is deemed adequate, the date the final closure certification is received by the commissioner in accordance with 329 IAC 10-30-7.

(2) If the final closure certification is deemed inadequate, the date the commissioner approves any actions necessary to correct items listed in a notice of deficiency of closure certification under 329 IAC 10-30-7(b).

329 IAC 10-38-2 for Restricted Waste Site Type III and Construction/ Demolition Sites:

(b) Post-closure requirements imposed by this section must be followed for a period of thirty (30) years **after the** following ~~the~~ **applicable** date ~~of~~:

(1) If the final closure certification is deemed adequate, the date the final closure certification is received by the commissioner in accordance with 10-37-7.

(2) If the final closure certification is deemed inadequate, the date the commissioner approves any actions necessary to correct items listed in a notice of deficiency of closure certification under 329 IAC 10-37-7(b).

In addition, the most recent Draft Rule for the State Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Permit Program¹ proposed to provide that “The owner, operator, or permittee of a CCR unit that has not received a closure certification approval from the commissioner and, if applicable, post-closure certification, is required to obtain a permit under this article.” 329 IAC 14-2-1(a) (proposed). The Draft Rule should also exempt facilities that submitted their closure certification to IDEM, but IDEM has not issued a final approval. To facilitate this, IDEM should revise the Draft Rule at 329 IAC 14-2-1(a) to add the following: **Expiration of the time for the commissioner to respond to the closure certification or post-closure certification is considered approval.**

2. Seven-Day Inspections for Legacy Ash Ponds

Hoosier Energy requests that IDEM, in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), review the intervals for inspections for CCR surface impoundments as required in

¹ The Indiana Environmental Rules Board preliminarily adopted the most recent Draft Rule for the State CCR Permit Program on December 11, 2024. The Draft Rule can be accessed on the Indiana Environmental Rules Board website, here: https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/files/rules_erb_20241211_21-458_draft_rule.pdf.

40 C.F.R. 257.83(a)(1) and incorporated by reference into Indiana's rules at 329 IAC 10-9-1(c).² Specifically, the requirement that the inspections be done "at intervals not exceeding seven days" is burdensome and unnecessary for some facilities and should be applied on a site-specific basis. The surface impoundments at Hoosier Energy's Ratts Generating Station must be inspected every seven days, but those impoundments have remained virtually unchanged since 2015. There may be certain weather or episodic events that warrant an inspection within seven days, but under normal operating conditions this imposes an unnecessary burden on the regulated community.

While regular inspections within seven days may be appropriate for some facilities, Hoosier Energy proposes an approach where facilities that do not change in the size or characteristics of their CCR surface impoundment can taper the frequency of inspections based on the number of inspections with no new violations or adverse conditions identified. If a surface impoundment has passed inspections for 30 consecutive seven-day intervals, then the facility should be allowed to shift to a monthly inspection schedule. IDEM has precedent for monthly inspections of solid waste facilities: IDEM imposed a monthly inspection requirement on the Type II Restricted Waste Site landfill at Merom Generating Station.³ Next, if a surface impoundment passes its monthly inspections for 12 months, then the facility should be allowed to shift to a bimonthly (every other month) inspection schedule. Hoosier Energy proposes exceptions for flooding events and other types of episodic events that may impact surface impoundments in a way that is significantly different than normal conditions.

Hoosier Energy proposes that IDEM work with EPA to make the following revisions to 40 C.F.R. 257.83(a):

(a) Inspections by a qualified person.

- (1) ~~All~~ **Except as specified in subsection (a)(2) of this rule, all** CCR surface impoundments, including legacy CCR surface impoundments, and any lateral expansion of a CCR surface impoundment must be examined by a qualified person as follows:

...

- (i) At intervals not exceeding seven days, inspect for any appearances of actual or potential structural weakness and other conditions which are disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation or safety of the CCR unit;
- (ii) At intervals not exceeding seven days, inspect the discharge of all outlets of hydraulic structures which pass underneath the base of the surface

² IDEM Commissioner Clint Woods indicated in a presentation to the Indiana Energy Association that IDEM would also consider comments on federal requirements that IDEM should work with EPA to revise.

³ Solid Waste Land Disposal Facility Permit Renewal Merom Generating Station RWSII SW Program ID 77-03, condition B.13 (March 18, 2024) (VFC # [83611710](#)). We could not locate the requirement for monthly reporting in 329 IAC 10.

impoundment or through the dike of the CCR unit for abnormal discoloration, flow or discharge of debris or sediment; and

- (iii) At **monthly** intervals ~~not exceeding 30 days~~, monitor all CCR unit instrumentation.

(iv) As soon as possible following a flood or other episodic event that may impact the integrity of the unit.

- ~~(iv)~~**(v)** The results of the inspection by a qualified person must be recorded in the facility's operating record as required by § 257.105(g)(5).

(2) If no issues have been identified in 30 consecutive inspections pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(i) & (ii), then those inspections may continue at monthly intervals. If no issues have been identified in 12 consecutive monthly intervals pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(i)–(iii), then those inspections may continue at bimonthly (every other month) intervals.

~~(2)~~**(3)** *Timeframes for inspections by a qualified person – . . .*

Under normal conditions, the requirement to conduct inspections every seven days creates an unnecessary burden for impoundments that do not materially change, and where IDEM and EPA have found no violations. If a facility shows continuous compliance and no harm to the environment, then inspections at the same seven-day interval do not further protect the environment and the environment would remain adequately protected by incrementally lengthening the period between required inspections.

COMMENTS ADDRESSING WATER QUALITY CONCERNS

3. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing

Hoosier Energy requests that IDEM reconsider its interpretation of 327 IAC 5-2-11.1(h)(5) to reflect situations where whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing is not necessary. Under 327 IAC 5-2-11.1(h), IDEM must determine whether a discharge “will cause, has the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to any excursion above any narrative or numeric water quality criterion promulgated under 327 IAC 2-1-6.” However, WET testing and limits are not necessary when it can be shown that limits for applicable water quality criteria will not be exceeded: “Limitations on whole effluent toxicity are not necessary where the commissioner demonstrates in the fact sheet or briefing memo of the NPDES permit, using the procedures in subdivision (2), that chemical-specific limits for the effluent are sufficient to attain and maintain applicable numeric and narrative water quality criteria.” 327 IAC 5-2-11.1(h)(5). The procedures listed in subdivision (2) state as follows:

- (A) existing controls on point and nonpoint sources of pollution;
- (B) the variability of the pollutant or pollutant parameter in the effluent;
- (C) the sensitivity of the species to toxicity testing (when evaluating whole effluent toxicity; and
- (D) where appropriate, the dilution of the effluent in the receiving water.

327 IAC 5-2-11.1(h)(2).

The rule’s language is mandatory rather than discretionary in that where IDEM determines that the fact sheet or briefing memo adequately shows that chemical-specific limits are sufficient, then “limitations on whole effluent toxicity are not necessary.” 327 IAC 5-2-11.1(h)(5). The rule does not provide for discretionary application of WET testing and limits, such as if the language had said “limitations on whole effluent toxicity *may* not be necessary.” IDEM must not require WET testing and limits in instances where the facility shows the chemical-specific limits to be sufficient. IDEM may require WET testing and limits in instances where chemical-specific limits are not adequate.

In its renewal of NPDES Permit No. IN0064122 for the St. Joseph Energy Center, LLC (“St. Joseph Facility”), Hoosier Energy showed that chemical-specific limits were adequate, but IDEM still required WET testing. The St. Joseph Facility’s compliance with water quality standards has been demonstrated for the previous NPDES permit term through Monthly Monitoring Reports. The St. Joseph Facility also supplied non-detectable results for applicable surface water quality criteria pursuant to 327 IAC 2-1-6(a)(3).

IDEM listed the St. Joseph Facility’s receiving waterbody, the Niespodziany Ditch, as impaired for E. Coli and biological integrity. The St. Joseph Facility should not contribute to E. Coli impairment in any way. If thermal issues cause the biological integrity impairment, then WET testing is not the mechanism to ensure compliance. The facility monitors, and has limits, for thermal discharges. If something else caused the biological impairment, IDEM did not explain

how the facility's discharge would contribute to that impairment or why WET testing would be required for that purpose.

Compliance with WET testing and limits is costly and duplicative where the facility can show that chemical-specific limitations are adequate. The St. Joseph Facility estimates it will be required to spend \$5,850 to perform seven-day WET testing for the first year with additional costs in each subsequent year. The St. Joseph Facility expects to incur this cost, despite a showing that the chemical-specific limits are adequate. In addition, WET testing actually harms organisms such as minnows or water fleas that would not otherwise be harmed.

These additional requirements do not further protect the environment. The chemical-specific limits already protect human health and the environment. The imposition of WET testing and limits in this situation exceeded the rule requirements and placed an unnecessary burden on the facility both financially and logistically. IDEM should reassess its approach to applying 327 IAC 5-2-11.1(h).

4. Consistency with Application of Compensatory Mitigation of Wetlands

Hoosier Energy requests that IDEM be more consistent in its interpretation of the compensatory mitigation statutes for state regulated wetlands under Indiana Code 13-18-22-6 and its application of the corresponding rules for compensatory mitigation for state regulated wetlands at 327 IAC 17-1-5. IDEM has been inconsistent in determining which on-site/off-site ratios apply and this creates regulatory uncertainty. Regulated entities should be able to know what IDEM expects of them in the project-planning phase in order to accurately assess costs, timeline, etc. This issue is further exacerbated when IDEM staff are unresponsive, and construction is delayed.

The statute and rule provide matrices that should dictate the ratio in each situation depending on the class of the wetland, whether the wetland is forested or nonforested, and the type of wetland mitigation. But IDEM applies these matrices unevenly. In one situation, IDEM was about to issue a permit to Hoosier Energy without any mitigation when IDEM senior management unexpectedly applied a mitigation ratio of 10:1. After negotiations, IDEM finalized a mitigation ratio of 4:1 and issued the permit. These extreme shifts make accurate planning nearly impossible. Even if a regulated entity consults with IDEM at the beginning stages of a project to evaluate what mitigation IDEM will require, that effort is for naught if the IDEM representative lacks approval authority and IDEM senior management can alter the ratio later in the process.

Hoosier Energy requests IDEM develop a nonrule policy document to clarify how IDEM determines which mitigation ratios to apply. Hoosier Energy also requests better coordination between IDEM, IDNR, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where applicable, in applying wetland mitigation requirements.

5. 365 Day Rolling Reporting of Temperature Exceedances at Turtle Creek

The NPDES permit for Merom Generating Station (IN0050296) requires unnecessarily burdensome reporting of temperature exceedances at Turtle Creek Reservoir that does not benefit the environment. Pursuant to the temperature limitations of the permit, the discharge from Outfall 002 shall not exceed the maximum limits in the table more than one percent (1%) of the hours in

any twelve (12) month period. Additionally, the water temperature of the discharge from Outfall 002 must not exceed the maximum limits by more than three (3) degrees Fahrenheit.

Hoosier Energy proposes changes to how IDEM requires reporting of exceedances of temperature limitations. By the terms of the permit, “Temperature measurements shall be recorded continuously in one hour intervals, and the total number of hours above the corresponding maximum limits in the table in Footnote [2] for the twelve (12) months shall be reported. The twelve months shall include the current month and the previous eleven (11) months.” This reporting requirement creates a situation in which one exceedance must be reported as 365 exceedances on the facility’s DMR. For instance, if a temperature limit exceedance occurs in February, not only will the exceedance be required to be reported in February, but the facility will be required to report 365 exceedances on its March DMR because the rolling temperature average will remain above the limit until the following February (so long as no additional exceedances occur). Only then can the facility start tapering down the number of exceedances reported.

This reporting method inflates the number of exceedances. Third parties may review the facility’s data and assume the facility repeatedly violates the temperature limitations. Listing 365 exceedances implies that the facility exceeded the temperature limits every single day, rather than exceeding the limits once and that average being applied over 12 months. This method of reporting does not benefit the environment. A hypothetical October DMR listing 365 exceedances due to one exceedance event the previous February does not benefit the fish and wildlife in Turtle Creek. IDEM creates redundancy by requiring continued reporting of 365 exceedances for months after the one actual exceedance. This reporting method implies continuous noncompliance when in reality one single noncompliant event occurred.

Hoosier Energy proposes IDEM reevaluate the reporting method for temperature exceedances. Because the permit authorizes exceedances for up to 1% in any 12-month period, Hoosier Energy proposes reporting the percentage of hours in which exceedances occurred for the 12-month period.

6. Turtle Creek Reservoir, a Warm-Water Fishery, Should Not Be subject to Standards for “Cold-Water Fish Communities”

IDEM should not subject Turtle Creek Reservoir (TCR) to the limits and water quality standards in 327 IAC 2-1-6 developed for the maintenance of cold-water fish communities because TCR is not a cold-water fishery. TCR is a cooling reservoir and a warm-water fishery. Cold-water species require a cold-water period for the males to mature; a warm water fishery does not require a cold-water period for a healthy population. No potential cold-water species populate TCR. TCR is the only cooling reservoir in the state that is subject to a NPDES permit and should be regulated differently due to its unique qualities.

Hoosier Energy asks that IDEM recognize TCR’s uniqueness from other waterbodies within the state. Hoosier Energy asks IDEM to not apply thermal limits developed based on cold-water fish communities or to adjust those limits for use with warm-water fish communities to reflect the realities of the ecosystem at TCR. IDEM, through its rulemaking, has previously acknowledged that water bodies vary and may need to be regulated differently: IDEM provides different water quality standards for the Great Lakes System (327 IAC 2-1.5), than for waters outside the Great

Lakes System (327 IAC 2-1). TCR is uniquely situated as a warm-water fishery and IDEM should not take a “one size fits all” regulatory approach in applying standards and limits developed to benefit cold-water fish communities and impose them on a fishery with different characteristics and ecological requirements.

To apply water quality standards and limits developed for the benefit of one distinct type of species and then apply those same standards to a different type of species with different temperature requirements, maturation habits, and ecological needs, is unduly burdensome and not supported by the best available science. By applying cold-water fishery-based standards to a warm-water fishery, IDEM would force species such as bass and bluegill to endure cold-water fishery conditions. Threadfin shad are the primary forage fish in TCR and are sensitive to the cold water to the point that the only fish kills observed at TCR occurred due to rapid temperature drops in the reservoir when both units switched off in the winter. The fish in the TCR seek the warm water in the reservoir and accordingly move to the northern part of the reservoir nearest to the discharge point. The best available science would dictate that water quality standards and limits to be used in warm-water fisheries be developed using criteria based on warm-water fish communities.

COMMENTS ADDRESSING AIR QUALITY CONCERNS

7. Repetitive Nature of Filing Quarterly Deviation and Compliance Monitoring Reports and Annual Compliance Certification Reports

Hoosier Energy proposes to review and remove the requirements under 326 IAC 2-7-6(5) for the submittal of annual compliance certifications (ACC) for Part 70 operating permits. Hoosier Energy sees these reports as redundant and a repackaging of the same information that the facility already provides to IDEM through Quarterly Deviation and Compliance Monitoring Reports (“Quarterly Reports”).

The ACCs require the following information:

- (i) The identification of each term or condition of a Part 70 permit that is the basis of the certification.
- (ii) The identification of the method or other means used by the permittee for determining the compliance status with each term and condition during the certification period. The methods and other means shall include, at a minimum, the methods and means required under section 5(3) of this rule.
- (iii) The status of compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit for the period covered by the certification, including whether compliance during the period was continuous or intermittent, based on the method or means designated in item (ii). The certification shall identify the following:
 - (AA) Each deviation and take it into account in the compliance certification.
 - (BB) As possible exceptions to compliance, any periods during which compliance is required and in which an excursion or exceedance is defined in 40 C.F.R. 64 occurred.
- (iv) Such other facts as the commissioner may require to determine the compliance status of the source.

326 IAC 2-7-6(5)(C).

The required Quarterly Reports already contain much of this information, including whether deviations occurred and, if they did, the permit requirement, the date and duration of deviation, the probable cause of the deviation, and response steps taken. The rule at 326 IAC 2-7-6(5)(C)(iii) requires this same information but phrased differently: the Quarterly Reports require a facility to indicate whether a deviation occurred, and the ACC requires a facility to indicate whether compliance was continuous. The absence of reported deviations on certified Quarterly Reports provides the certification of continuous compliance for the year. To the extent Quarterly Reports do not already contain the information required by 326 IAC 2-7-6(5)(C), Hoosier Energy recommends that IDEM amend the Certification form for Quarterly Reports to include that information.

The requirement to submit Quarterly Reports and then to submit an ACC with much of the same information creates a burden on the regulated community. It requires time and expense to prepare these reports, when the ACC often refers to information previously provided in the Quarterly Reports. The ACC provides IDEM with little to no new information and imposes an unnecessary administrative task on the regulated community. The ACC does not provide any benefits to the environment because it merely recites the information already provided to IDEM. If deviations occur during a particular quarter, the facility notifies IDEM in the Quarterly Reports and any action to return to compliance occurs at that point, rather than months later with the submittal of the ACC. Hoosier Energy does not propose that facilities be allowed to evade compliance and reporting requirements; Hoosier Energy only proposes that IDEM only require facilities to report and certify the same compliance information one time. Hoosier Energy believes remedying this redundancy will streamline operations for IDEM and lessen the quantity of documents the Office of Air Quality must review each year.

GENERAL COMMENTS FOR IDEM

8. Responsiveness of IDEM Staff

Hoosier Energy appreciates IDEM staff and the meaningful work they do to ensure Hoosier Energy's facilities protect human health and the environment while also providing power to thousands across our state. Hoosier Energy respectfully proposes the standardization of communication between the agency and regulated entities through a policy for IDEM employees. Hoosier Energy proposes this measure to provide consistency and regulatory certainty to the regulated community. While Hoosier Energy understands that IDEM employees carry a consistent workload, may sometimes be in the field, and may not always be available to answer a call or an email immediately, IDEM makes it difficult for regulated entities to operate in full compliance with all IDEM's permitting and regulatory programs if communications go unanswered. Hoosier Energy does not intend to create additional burden for IDEM's staff but rather formalize procedural requirements to ensure that nothing slips through the cracks and that, as a result, everyone works together to protect human health and the environment as best as possible.

Consistent and effective communication between regulated entities and IDEM would create certainty, lessen the risks of noncompliance, ensure both sides adequately address issues as they arise, and create an overall more collaborative approach. While not a criticism of any particular office or staff, Hoosier Energy often waits days, weeks, and months for a response from IDEM, if a response arrives at all. Even if IDEM staff cannot respond fully and with particularity to a certain issue at the time the regulated entity raises it, Hoosier Energy requests an acknowledgment of receipt of the message and a timeframe for receiving a full response from IDEM.

Hoosier Energy proposes the following requirements:

1. An acknowledgment by IDEM staff of a call/message/communication from a representative of a regulated entity within two (2) business days of receipt; and
2. Either (a) an answer, in full, to the request or question posed by the regulated entity representative, or (b) a timeline in which IDEM believes they will be able to provide such answer, within ten (10) business days of receipt.

9. IDEM's Exercise of Its Enforcement Discretion

Compliance with environmental laws and rules is of the highest priority for Hoosier Energy. Hoosier Energy requests that IDEM review the manner in which it exercises its enforcement discretion, both in terms of (a) the timeliness of pursuing enforcement actions, and (b) the determination of whether to initiate a formal enforcement action in a particular situation.

The statute of limitations in Indiana Code 13-14-6-2 requires IDEM to commence an enforcement action by issuing a notice of violation within three (3) years of IDEM's discovery of a violation. When IDEM takes nearly the entire three years to provide the notice of violation, IDEM does not effectively protect human health and the environment. A regulated facility cannot remedy a violation that it has not been made aware of. Hoosier Energy recognizes that some violations may require the full three years for drafting the enforcement documents and facilitating their review by

all required staff, management, and legal counsel within IDEM. But many violations, such as reporting violations, failed stack tests, and more straight forward violations, do not require three years for drafting and review of the notice of violation. IDEM taking the entire three-year period to provide notices of violation can exacerbate conditions at a site, cause additional harm to the environment, provide regulatory uncertainty, and make it difficult for staff to provide accurate information on events that occurred many years ago. The swift resolution of an enforcement action and a facility's return to compliance achieves the interests of IDEM, the regulated community, and human health and the environment.

Additionally, Hoosier Energy requests that IDEM exercise its enforcement discretion in determining whether to pursue enforcement when a regulated entity complies with the spirit of the rule or permit and no harm occurs to human health or the environment. In a recent enforcement action, in which IDEM proposed a civil penalty of \$6,250, Hoosier Energy deviated from the permit due to equipment failure, but the extent of deviation was insignificant (2 hours of equipment failure, or 0.2% of the year) and no potential for harm occurred. IDEM imposed the limit at issue only "[i]n order to render the requirements of 326 IAC 2-2 (PSD) not applicable." PSD is inapplicable if the potential to emit NO_x is less than 250 tons per year. The facility emitted only 35 total tons of NO_x emissions for the entire year at issue.

Shortly after the 2-hour equipment failure, IDEM revised the permit and changed the condition at issue. Hoosier Energy would have been in compliance if the permit had been modified before the equipment failure. The permit condition created a scenario in which Hoosier Energy could comply with the Clean Air Act and all other applicable air quality rules and standards, but still violate the permit simply due to the drafting of its terms. As a result, the permit condition was arbitrary and did not accurately reflect the requirements of the law. If IDEM does not exercise its enforcement discretion, Hoosier Energy will be subject to an enforcement action for a period of two hours of equipment malfunction in which no other standards or limits were exceeded or even threatened. The pursuit of an enforcement action in this case does not improve protection of human health and the environment.

10. Training for Staff Regarding Operations of the Facilities They Inspect and Permit

Hoosier Energy respectfully requests that IDEM revisit, and potentially revise, its training program for inspectors and permit writers. Hoosier Energy understands that the agency has experienced significant retirements and departures among staff. With those departures, the agency will see a loss of decades of institutional knowledge. Hoosier Energy believes that this provides an excellent opportunity to revamp training opportunities for IDEM staff to ensure that as much institutional knowledge as possible passes on to the next generation and that newer inspectors and permit writers develop a deep understanding of the facilities and processes that the agency regulates. Many of IDEM's inspectors and permit writers possess ample experience, knowledge, and insight that guides their work with Hoosier Energy's facilities. Unfortunately, several incidents indicate that additional training would benefit IDEM's compliance and enforcement staff.

As one example, an IDEM inspector previously misunderstood that a substation is not a power plant, but merely a hub for power management. These substations often are unmanned and will, therefore, not always have a representative available to meet with an IDEM inspector at that particular substation. Similarly, IDEM inspectors previously failed to understand that peaking

power plants are not always in operation, and that they are generally reserved for periods of high electricity demand.⁴

Hoosier Energy has also received erroneous information in enforcement documents that IDEM mistakenly copied from documents meant for other respondents. For instance, Hoosier Energy received an Enforcement Action Letter that included a deviation for “an insufficient amount of hydrogen peroxide in the scrubber solution, a release of NOx emissions occurred from a currently unidentified wet scrubber.” (VFC # [83531319](#)) Hoosier Energy does not operate a wet scrubber at this facility. When Hoosier Energy pointed this out to enforcement staff, IDEM refused to revoke or remove the erroneous statement.

As another example, Hoosier Energy received a Violation/Inspection Summary Letter in which the inspector referred to bare areas on a landfill as “vegetation erosion.” (VFC# [83608061](#)) When pressed, the inspector admitted that they did not see any actual erosion on the landfill, but rather “bare areas that would be susceptible to erosion.” See Response to Violation/Inspection Summary Letter (May 2, 2024) (VFC# [83643940](#)). In subsequent letters, IDEM did not correct the record to confirm that no erosion occurred.

Hoosier Energy thinks IDEM should revamp its review process for enforcement actions to minimize errors to the greatest extent possible. Hoosier Energy recognized that mistakes happen. When they do, IDEM must be willing to affirmatively correct the public record.

A regulated entity can be materially harmed by inaccurate documents in the public record. Power companies face significant scrutiny by third parties that might rely on inaccurate or incomplete information in the public record, which can result in unnecessary citizen suits or other inquiries. IDEM should not cause regulated entities to spend resources defending against plainly inaccurate or erroneous allegations.

Hoosier Energy thinks these previous missteps are easily fixable and not representative of IDEM’s workforce as a whole. A revised training program that includes instruction on the processes and features of specific sources would benefit the regulated community and IDEM in that IDEM’s certainty in its permitting and enforcement decisions would improve and the regulated community would know that the IDEM representative working with their facility would truly understand the complexity of its operations. To ensure consistency for IDEM and regulatory clarity for Hoosier Energy, Hoosier Energy requests that any training provided for inspectors include instruction on using the exact language used in a permit or regulation when citing a violation.

⁴ At one time, IDEM understood that “[d]ue to the fact that this peaking station is normally unmanned, an inspection date [must be] scheduled.” IDEM, Field Inspection Report at 1 (June 9, 2006) (VFC# [38580915](#)). Since that time, IDEM has repeatedly arrived at the plant unannounced, found it unmanned, and had to contact Hoosier Energy staff. IDEM, Field Inspection Report at 2 (May 26, 2019) (VFC# [82794738](#)) (“Upon arrival at the property, the inspector observed a locked gate and no one on-site. The inspector spoke to Ms. Angie Lee, via telephone, on May 22, 2019.”); IDEM, Field Inspection Report at 2 (Aug. 25, 2015) (VFC# [80131199](#)) (“Upon arrival, the inspectors discovered that there was no one on site. The facility is surrounded by a chain link fence with a locked gate. The inspector contacted Ms. Angie Lee, environmental specialist for Hoosier Energy.”); IDEM, Field Inspection Report at (Nov. 17, 2011) (VFC# [64551221](#)) (“The inspectors arrived at the site and found the facility closed and no one at the site. ... Upon returning to the office, [the inspector] contacted Hoosier Energy and spoke to Mr. Jay Patterson (Air Quality Team Leader).”).

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Braun's executive order to "identify state environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment." can easily be answered. How many IDEM applications that have been denied for the last 5 years. Unlike other CA, NY, ME, IL, NJ where many GOP voices feel environmental regulations are burdensome to business- show the number with identifiers of those who have been denied an IDEM permit.

What is burdensome for Hoosiers taxpayers"

1. No one answering the phone in taxpayer funded state offices. Having unposted "abbreviated work hours", whatever that means, is not a wise use of taxpayer dollars. He did say everyone is back in office now that Covid is over! He wants to run government like a business, businesses keep posted hours and staff ready to assist clients. A current inventory of occupied office should have been his first order of business. Now he is behind the proverbial eight ball because he failed to establish employee protocol day one. Perhaps he should get his immediate house in order before he attempts reducing any regulations as payroll and benefits are HUGE expenses to taxpayers. Further, most every county has state owned real estate in some fashion, perhaps regional offices outside the high rent district of Indianapolis are a better use of Hoosier dollars.
2. For IDEM not to have a single ID for each IDEM permit. To be efficient for Hoosiers the data must be easily available. As one who is extremely familiar with IDEM, a simple map identifying those ventures holding a valid IDEM permit is needed. Within that map should be all documents associated with permit holder. It should not be a seventy- five click adventure to find documentations and actions performed by IDEM. All entities holding a IDEM permit should have to post their IDEM ID at property road frontage for easy identification for all. There should be no alternate IDs.
3. Politicians not understanding consequences of appeasing donors. IDEM permitting should be burdensome, it is about the health and safety of the land and the living not

corporate investors who may or may not reside in Indiana! Indiana has not been all that successful in swiftly holding companies accountable for environmental cleanups! Until the state has swift clean ups, why should permitting be less "burdensome"? Using "grant money" aka tax dollars for clean ups is an expense to taxpayers! Let's see those figures. Using tax dollars for cleanups falls squarely to IDEM not doing its job and inspecting permit holders long before a cleanup is needed! Using a local industry as an example they had two violations in 6 months. They did not have admit wrong doing! There were no fines! The state fines drivers for driving 10mph over speed limit one time everyday yet an environmental pollutant affecting the Hoosiers in the immediate community didn't pay a dime in fines. Fines are a deterrent and would assist in funding IDEM.

4. Sitting through countless meetings at the state house concerning CAFOs and their "stakeholders" aka donors, who may or may not be Hoosiers, the largest and most important true stakeholder are the residents of Indiana. "Stakeholders" aka political donors whose profits leave the state and/or country should have little bearing on Indiana environmental regulations. Honestly, no foreign country should hold interest in Hoosier farmland or food source products, yet no one at the statehouse is beating that drum.

Hitching one's wagon to the national rhetoric that there are too many regulations should not come at the expense of health and safety of land nor lives in the Hoosier state. This makes for exciting headlines, but not necessarily good policy for the actual safety of residents.

Until Gov. Braun is willing to publicly post the IDEM applications with identifiers that have been denied in the last 5 years, perhaps he should focus on making IDEM information easily available to Hoosiers, support impactful monetary fines for those violating an IDEM permit and trimming the excess office space and expenses in state government. That alone will likely take up the rest of his term.

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Please see ISPA's response to Governor Braun's requests posed to the regulated community through EO 25-38. We appreciate the opportunity to provide recommendations and insights. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. All my best, Becky Joniskan





June 30, 2025

Commissioner Clint Woods
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Re: Indiana Executive Order 25-38, *Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation*

Dear Commissioner Woods:

Thank you for soliciting comments from businesses regulated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) in support of Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38, *Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation*. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Indiana State Poultry Association (ISPA), please accept these comments which provide both specific examples of environmental regulations we believe are unduly burdensome and do not benefit Indiana's environment, and, conversely, specific examples of environmental regulations that while more stringent than federal regulations, benefit the regulated community and are proactively protective of human health and the environment.

The ISPA is led by a Board of Directors representing the leadership of Indiana's duck, turkey, chicken, and egg farmers and processors. Indiana leads the nation in duck production, producing 60% of the nation's duck. We rank third for the number of eggs produced, which is our largest sector of production in Indiana. Further, we are fourth in turkey production, and we have broiler chicken production as well. Our membership represents 95% of Indiana's commercial poultry production. Our flocks include many different styles of production and flocks of all sizes across the entirety of the state.

The vast majority of Indiana's poultry farms are multi-generational family operations. We have a long-term, vested interest in the quality of our natural resources. We stand at the ready to provide any additional information you may need to ensure Indiana strikes the right balance between environmental protection and supportive regulatory programs.

Sincerely,

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1. Opportunities for Reduction of Environmental Regulations

- a. **Disclosure (IC 13-18-10-1.4)** – The goal of the Disclosure process required as part of the CFO program is laudable – it seeks to identify and disallow known “bad actors” from receiving permits to operate confined feeding operations (CFOs) when their past actions have caused or had the potential to cause harm to the environment. Poultry farmers don’t want “bad actors” amongst their ranks either – the actions of one tarnish the reputation of many. However, the Disclosure process as it exists today causes applicants to put themselves at risk if their understanding of the seriousness of compliance issues differs from IDEM’s understanding, and they fail to disclose something IDEM determines they should have disclosed. The requirement is a time consuming and expensive one with which to comply frequently requiring an applicant to hire an attorney to help ensure they’ve satisfied the requirement. While some of Indiana’s poultry farms are owned by companies with adequate resources to cover these costs, the vast majority of CFO applicants are small businesses. IDEM has the authority to investigate activities that harm or have the potential to harm human health and environment. These authorities should be sufficient to ensure CFO permits are only granted to and later renewed by compliant permittees. This program is ineffectual, and it should either be eliminated or modified to be less burdensome and more effective.
 - i. Repeal IC 13-18-10-1.4 *Disclosure statement for confined feeding operation application*
- b. **Notice Requirements (IC 13-18-10-2)** – IDEM’s authority around CFOs stems from their responsibility to protect water quality. Notice requirements for CFOs should be related to only new CFOs and changes to existing CFOs that increase manure storage capacity; there should not be an increased risk to water resources from any other changes. If it is decided to continue with notice requirements as they currently exist, IDEM should include a basic description of the changes to the facility being proposed as part of the notice. This would help support applicant communications with their neighbors and allow the public to more quickly determine the level of attention they would like to give to the notice, and it would help focus their research efforts as they see appropriate.
 - i. Amend IC 13-18-10-2(b) *Application for approval; notice requirements; renewal of approval; approval of manure management system*, to limit its applicability only to construction of new or increased manure storage capacity; and update *State Form 55051 CFO/CAFO Application Packet*, and *327 IAC 19, Confined Feeding Operations*, accordingly.
 - ii. Eliminate all reference to adjoining landowner notice in *State Form 55051*.
- c. **Professional Engineer-Certified Design Drawings and Supporting Information** – While IDEM certainly has a responsibility to review PE-certified design drawings submitted as part of a CFO application and the authority to comment on them and ask for additional information, it would be a better use of resources for all parties if IDEM provided more professional deference and respect for PE-certified design drawings submitted as part of a CFO application. IDEM is responsible for evaluating whether or not the proposed design protects water resources through containment and management of manure; they are not responsible for evaluating many other aspects of a CFO’s design – that is the responsibility of the applicant and the staff they hire to design their operation. CFOs are required to be constructed according to the design approved through the CFO permitting process. IDEM Technical Inspectors visit CFOs during construction to evaluate whether or not CFOs are being constructed as designed, and CFO permittees are required to submit amendments or facility changes for anything that differs from the approved design.

2. Justifications Supporting the Need for Maintaining More Stringent Regulation than Required by Federal Law

- a. **Support of CFO program** – In 1971, the Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) regulatory program through IC 13-18-10, Confined Feeding Control Law. The program was originally administered by the Indiana State Board of Health, and it then moved to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management when it was created in 1986. Of note, the Indiana CFO program was created in advance of the federal Clean Water Act. Indiana's program regulates farms at lower animal threshold numbers than federal regulations, and it regulates farms whether or not they directly discharge manure, although, to date, no Indiana CFOs, regardless of size, directly discharge manure. EPA delegated authority to regulate animal feeding operations including concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) to IDEM.

While it may seem counterintuitive, there are multiple reasons Indiana's poultry farmers prefer to be regulated by IDEM under the Confined Feeding Control Law, and they would like to see the program continue even though it is more stringent than federal regulations. The following points discuss reasons to maintain the program:

- i. Preemption of county ordinances/use of home rule statute (IC 36-1-3-8(a)(7)) – In the absence of state-level regulation, counties may choose to regulate animal farms which would likely result in disparities in regulation across the state and the potential for near prohibition of animal agriculture in some counties. Agriculture is critically important to Indiana's economy, and animal agriculture offers opportunities to add value to raw agricultural products grown in the state such as corn and soybeans. The CFO program provides regulatory certainty to poultry farmers that can give them confidence to invest in their farms and related businesses.
- ii. Protection from Nuisance Litigation – Indiana's poultry farmers see compliance with their CFO permits as a source of protection from the potential for nuisance lawsuits filed by those not supportive of their operations. Their compliance with the conditions of their CFO permit, and IDEM's routine inspections and requirement for permit renewals provides them a reasonable place to start from if they are accused of being a nuisance. In the absence of the Indiana CFO program, only farms above the EPA threshold number of animals that also directly discharge manure (CAFOs) would be required to be regulated, and thus potentially benefit from protection from nuisance lawsuits. This program supports farmers of all sizes.
- iii. Manure Management – Indiana's CFO program requires permittees to demonstrate they either have access to adequate land to apply manure generated from their farms at protective, agronomic rates, or that they have contracts in place to market their manure to a firm required to apply manure at protective, agronomic rates. While the Office of the Indiana State Chemist (OISC) regulates manure application, compliance with the detailed plans required by the CFO program further reduce the potential for a farm to be accused of being a nuisance and subject to related litigation. While of benefit to CFO permittees, these requirements also benefit Indiana's water quality overall and make efficient use of valuable, natural soil amendments that fertilize Indiana's crops.
- iv. Liquid Manure Storage Structures – While more commonly found on swine and dairy farms, liquid manure storage structures regulated under the CFO program allow poultry farms, and especially egg farms that generate liquid manure through the washing of manure off of the outsides of eggs (shells), to operate responsibly in rural areas not served by publicly owned treatment works. The engineering construction standards for these structures and operational requirements like maintenance of freeboard and the prohibition of woody vegetation growth on berms help farmers and their neighbors have confidence water resources are being appropriately protected.

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The Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation is pleased to provide comments for consideration associated with Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38, which have been attached below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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RE: IKEC Comments on IDEM Public Notice: *IDEM Seeks Public Input on Evaluation of Existing Regulations*

Dear IDEM Representative,

The Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corporation (IKEC) appreciates the opportunity to work cooperatively and collaboratively with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and is pleased to submit the following comments in response to the request for public input on existing policies and regulations. Pursuant to Governor Braun's Executive Order (EO) 25-38, *Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation*, "[t]he State of Indiana shall not adopt any new environmental rules, regulations, or programs that are more stringent than an applicable federal requirement or limitation unless expressly required by Indiana state law or deemed necessary by the Governor's Office to address specific, unique needs within our State." Further, the EO directs "[a]gencies responsible for environmental regulations should identify state environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment." In response to EO 25-38, IDEM asked the public to identify regulations that meet the criteria of EO 25-38 and provide suggestions for repeal, replacement, or modification of those regulations. For your convenience, IKEC has organized its comments by IDEM office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabriel S. Coriell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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COMMENTS ON REGULATIONS AND POLICIES CONCERNING LAND QUALITY

1. IKEC supports establishment of a State Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Permit Program that is consistent with the federal CCR Rule.

IKEC generally supports the State CCR Permit Program and IDEM receiving delegated authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), provided that the Permit Program complies with Indiana Code 13-19-3-3(c). This statute requires that the State CCR Permit Program comply with the following requirements:

- (1) shall be consistent with the ... federal CCR rule;
- (2) shall not impose a restriction or requirement that is more stringent than the corresponding restriction or requirement imposed under the federal CCR rule; and
- (3) shall not impose a restriction or requirement that is not imposed by the federal CCR rule.

Indiana Environmental Rules Board preliminarily adopted the most recent version of the State CCR Permit Program on December 11, 2024.¹ IKEC presented comments on that version of the rule. Specifically, although IKEC supports the establishment of a State CCR Permit Program, the Draft Rule does include multiple requirements that are not imposed by the federal CCR rule and are more stringent than the federal CCR Rule. Below are a few examples for consideration that if amended will better align the State program with the Federal regulations:

1. On page 15 of the Draft Rule, 329 IAC 14-3-5(f)(8)(B) would state: "Erosion and sediment control measures must be instituted to comply with 329 IAC 10-20-12 and this rule."
2. On page 16 of the Draft Rule, 329 IAC 14-4-1 would state: "The owner or operator of a CCR unit shall comply with the financial assurance requirements of 329 IAC 10-39."
3. On page 8 of the Draft Rule, 329 IAC 14-2-1(b) would subject CCR units to 329 IAC 10-11 through 10-13. Rules 11, 12, and 13 mostly deal with permitting requirements, but 329 IAC 10-11-2.1(b)(5) would impose good character requirements on CCR units.

Erosion and sediment control, financial assurance, and good character requirements are not imposed by the federal CCR rule and are more stringent than the federal CCR rule. As a result, these requirements in the Draft Rule would exceed IDEM's authority in Indiana Code 13-19-3-3(c)(3).

¹ The Draft Rule is available on the Indiana Environmental Rules Board website, here: https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/files/rules_erb_20241211_21-458_draft_rule.pdf.

IKEC requests that IDEM revise the Draft Rule before final adoption to be no more stringent than the federal CCR Rule and to impose no requirements beyond those imposed by the federal CCR Rule.

In addition, and to further illustrate the need for the State CCR Permit Program, IDEM has previously pulled together requirements from various state solid waste rules in order to create a set of standards to approve final disposal of CCR in surface impoundments at the end of their operation under 329 IAC 10-9-1(c). IDEM has stated that it imposed these requirements pursuant to the rule's requirement that approvals be based on the federal CCR rule and "on other management practices that are protective of human health and the environment." The use of that catch-all phrase creates an unascertainable and arbitrary standard for the regulated community. It is impossible for a regulated entity to prepare for the final disposition of CCR in the impoundment when the rules provide no clarity on which standards and requirements IDEM will use to approve the closure. The State CCR Permit Program will create an ascertainable standard by which entities will understand and be prepared for final closure of their CCR surface impoundments. The State CCR Permit Program will create a more efficient process for IDEM and provide regulatory clarity for the regulated community.

- 2. A program should be developed that both promotes the recovery of rare earth metals from CCR (closed landfills, active landfills, closed in place surface impoundments), as well as limits the liability of power companies if another entity proposes to recover rare earth metals and critical materials. We suggest a covenant not to sue.**

Governor Braun's EO 25-62, *Supporting Environmental Health and Economic Leadership Through Recovery of Rare Earth Metals and Critical Materials from Indiana Coal Sites*, creates the Indiana Rare Earth Recovery Council to establish a process for recovering rare earth metals and critical materials from coal waste. IKEC supports the Governor's initiative, but proposes amendments to IDEM statutes to limit the liability of facilities with properly closed CCR landfills or surface impoundments that may be reopened in the future to allow for rare earth reclamation activities.

It would be burdensome and contradictory for a facility to comply with all applicable rules and statutes for the closure of a CCR unit only to later face environmental liability because another entity excavated CCR in its attempt to reclaim materials. So long as the power company closed the CCR unit properly through a qualified professional engineer's certification and the reclamation activities are not undertaken by the same entity that produced the CCR and closed the CCR unit, IKEC proposes that liability for any ensuing release caused by or related to the reclamation activities be shifted to the party undertaking the reclamation.

To achieve this end, IKEC proposes that the Indiana Rare Earth Recovery Council and IDEM draft amendments to Indiana Code 13 that provide for issuance of a covenant not to sue. The governor would issue a covenant not to sue for a landfill that was approved closed but later disturbed by another entity for the purpose of mineral or material reclamation. The covenant would release the CCR unit owner from liability for all claims resulting from the release or threatened release of CCR or its constituents due to mineral or material

reclamation activities. The covenant would bar all public and private claims as well. IKEC recommends that the statute follow the example of Indiana Code 13-25-5-18.

3. IDEM environmental engineers should not be allowed to override the opinions and determinations of licensed qualified professional engineers.

Professional engineers (PE) are licensed by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA), which is part of the Indiana Office of the Attorney General. To become a licensed PE, a person must have an engineering degree, have four years of experience on engineering projects, and pass an examination. Ind. Code 25-31-1-12(a). Indiana law defines the practice of engineering as “any service or creative work that the adequate performance of requires engineering education, training, and experience in the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences to services or creative work.” *Id.* § 2(d). The practice of engineering includes the “[e]valuation of construction for the purpose of assuring compliance with specifications, plans, and designs, in connection with any public or private utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, work systems, or projects.” *Id.* § 2(d)(7). Engaging in the practice of engineering without a license is illegal. *Id.* § 27.

For the most part, IDEM does not employ licensed PEs. Indiana Code 25-31-1-34 allows IDEM job descriptions to use the word “engineer” in the job title even if the job is not filled by a licensed PE. Many IDEM “environmental engineers” are not *licensed* engineers. Importantly, the statute **does not** authorize the practice of engineering by unlicensed people with “engineer” in their job title.

Unfortunately, many IDEM programs allow and encourage staff to engage in the unlicensed practice of engineering. IDEM staff often evaluate construction and engineering drawings that have been certified by licensed PEs for the purpose of assuring compliance with IDEM’s regulations.

Further, some Federal regulations, such as the CCR Rule and the 2020 Steam Electric Power Effluent Limitations Guidelines Rule (2020 ELG), require that facilities that must secure the certification of a “qualified professional engineer” (QPE) to demonstrate compliance with various requirements. The CCR Rule defines a QPE as an individual who is licensed by a state as a PE to practice one or more disciplines of engineering and who is qualified by education, technical knowledge, and experience to make the specific technical certifications required the CCR Rule. PEs making these certifications must be licensed in the state where the CCR unit is located. Similarly, the 2020 ELG Rule established that particular compliance requirements would be evaluated and certified by a PE that:

- (A) Is a licensed professional engineer;
- (B) Is familiar with the regulation requirements; and,
- (C) Is familiar with the facility.

In both instances, not only is the individual a licensed PE, but also a PE that possesses experience specific to the site being evaluated.

IKEC has experienced multiple occasions where IDEM staff—who are not licensed PEs—have overridden the construction designs of licensed QPEs when making permitting decisions. As one example, on May 26, 2022, IDEM issued a minor modification of the permit for IKEC's Restricted Waste Site I (VFC Doc. #83322102). In the draft of the modification, IDEM required a composite liner system that placed incompatible materials together. In a meeting with IDEM, IKEC pointed out the technical infeasibility of the liner IDEM required. Rather than correct their mistake, IDEM simply added an alternative liner requirement to the minor modification. As a result, the permit allows IKEC to construct a liner that would be unstable, potentially resulting in failure of the system. A licensed QPE would not have certified the liner that IDEM included in the permit (and IKEC has no intention of constructing such a liner).

The IPLA has a process for reporting complaints against many licensed professionals including PEs. When IDEM overrides the certified plans, demonstrations, and reports of a PE, it equates to a complaint about that PE's practice and license. If a PE should not have certified something, then the IPLA needs to know about it. IDEM should either accept PE certified documents or be ready to file complaints with the IPLA every time IDEM finds the need to override the PE.

On multiple occasions IKEC has recommended that IDEM and the IPLA create a dispute resolution process housed within the IPLA. Within the dispute resolution process, the IPLA could hear what the regulated entity proposed in its plan (which was certified by a QPE) and what IDEM proposes to require in the draft permit or modification or claims the QPE failed to properly evaluate. IPLA would determine whether either or both are technically sound in regard to good engineering practices. If both the facility's plan and the IDEM permit conditions meet these criteria, the regulated entity should be allowed to choose between the alternatives.

COMMENTS ON RULES AND POLICIES CONCERNING AIR QUALITY

4. IDEM should clarify requirements for continuous emission monitoring availability and downtime.

Indiana has incorporated by reference 40 C.F.R. 63, Subpart UUUUU, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units at 326 IAC 20-89-1. Among the requirements of Subpart UUUUU, are those at 40 C.F.R. 63.10020(b): an EGU must “operate the monitoring system and collect data at all required intervals at all times that the affected EGU is operating, except for required monitoring system quality assurance or quality control activities, including, as applicable, calibration checks and required zero and span adjustments, and any scheduled maintenance as defined in the EGU’s site-specific monitoring plan.” Further, “[p]eriods of monitoring system malfunctions or monitoring system out-of-control periods, repairs associated with monitoring system malfunctions or monitoring system out-of-control periods, and required monitoring system quality assurance or quality control activities excluding zero and span checks must be reported as time the monitor was inoperative (downtime) under 63.10(c).” *Id.* § 63.10020(d).

IDEM has published an undated “Compliance Branch CEMS Guidance Manual” (CEMS Manual) available at its CEMS/COMS webpage under “Air Compliance.”² The CEMS Manual cannot be found as an effective nonrule policy on IDEM’s nonrule policy document website. We could not find any evidence that the CEMS Manual has undergone a period of public notice and comment.

In the CEMS Manual, IDEM states:

IDEM does **not** have a minimum valid data requirement for emissions data. Each source is expected to capture as much data as possible so that any emissions (such as excess emissions) can be documented. Periods of missing data and the reason for their occurrence must be included in the source’s quarterly report to IDEM. IDEM evaluates each source with less than 100% valid data returned (VDR) and makes determinations **on a case by case basis** as to any enforcement action(s) that may be taken.

CEMS Manual at ch. 2, p. 19 (emphasis in original). IDEM further “will take into consideration both the nature of the malfunction and the source’s response. Although certain types of malfunctions are inevitable, inadequate responses, or failure to correct the cause of repeated monitoring system malfunctions must be avoided.” *Id.* at 20. The available rules, regulations, policies, and guidance do not provide clarity on how IDEM exercises its discretion to determine whether to take an enforcement action.

IKEC began receiving Violation Letters from IDEM around the start of 2021 for periods of downtime that were similar to prior years in terms of reason codes, action codes, and percentages of downtime.³ The majority of these letters do not indicate which quarter(s) they

² <https://www.in.gov/idem/aircompliance/cemscoms/>.

³ Inspection Summary/ Violation Letter (April 13, 2021) (VFC #[83146508](#)); ACC Review Violation Letter (April 26, 2022) (VFC #[83307520](#)); Inspection Summary/Violation Letter (Dec. 15, 2022) (VFC #[83403389](#));

address, which constituent monitor caused the violation, or whether the facility's response and corresponding action code were evaluated by IDEM in determining a Violation Letter was necessary. It is burdensome for IDEM to allege a violation—which then is reported to EPA's ECHO database—and not provide any specific information regarding that alleged violation.

In order to ensure the regulations are not overly burdensome or stricter than federal requirements, IKEC proposes the following:

1. A formal nonrule policy document published by IDEM that clarifies (1) which error codes are acceptable for CEMS downtime and which are considered deviations for which enforcement may occur; and (2) how response actions are considered by IDEM in its "case by case" analysis of each reported downtime event.
2. The establishment of thresholds for downtime for which IDEM takes an enforcement action, including a limit where formal enforcement proceedings will begin and another limit where a violation letter will be sent.
3. In violation letters sent for CEMS downtime, the mandatory inclusion of the following: (a) the quarter in which the cited deviation occurred, and (b) which constituent was the subject of the letter.

COMMENTS ON RULES AND POLICIES CONCERNING WATER QUALITY

5. IDEM should no longer impose ORSANCO limits in NPDES permits.

Rule 327 IAC 5-2-10(a)(4)(C) requires that National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits:

Incorporate, in accordance with Section 301(b)(1)(C)* of the CWA, more stringent limitations, treatment standards, or schedules of compliance requirements established under federal or state law or regulations, including those adopted under interstate agreements or compacts such as the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO).

ORSANCO is an interstate commission that represents eight states (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia) and the federal government.⁴ ORSANCO operates programs along the Ohio River and its tributaries, including monitoring, biological assessments, and special studies. ORSANCO also sets voluntary pollution control standards for industrial and municipal wastewater discharges to the Ohio River. The standards are more stringent than federal requirements and meant to designate specific uses for the Ohio River and establish guidelines to ensure the Ohio River can support those uses.

IDEM should amend 327 IAC 5-2-10(a)(4)(C) and no longer require application of ORSANCO standards for several reasons explained in detail below. IKEC proposes the following revisions to 327 IAC 5-2-10(a)(4)(C) to eliminate the use of ORSANCO standards:

(C) Incorporate, in accordance with Section 301 (b)(1)(C)* of the CWA, more stringent limitations, treatment standards, or schedules of compliance requirements established under federal or state law or regulations; ~~including those adopted under interstate agreements or compacts such as the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO).~~

Rule 327 IAC 5-2-10(a)(4)(C) says that it is based on Clean Water Action (CWA) section 301(b)(1)(C), but that statute does not require NPDES permits to incorporate *regional* standards like ORSANCO standards. CWA section 301(b)(1)(C) requires NPDES permits to incorporate *state or federal* standards.⁵ In the past, ORSANCO maintained that its standards were mandatory.⁶ But in June 2019, ORSANCO revised its standards to make clear that

⁴ *About Us*, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) (2025), <https://www.orsanco.org/about-us/>.

⁵ [A]ny more stringent limitation, including those necessary to meet water quality standards, treatment standards, or schedules of compliance, established pursuant to any State law or regulations (under authority preserved by section 1370 of this title) or any other Federal law or regulation, or required to implement any applicable water quality standard established pursuant to this chapter.

CWA § 301(b)(1)(C).

⁶ ORSANCO, Pollution Control Standards, rev. 2015, § 1.1 <https://www.orsanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2015-Pollution-Control-Standards.pdf> (“Sections 301(b)(1)(C) and 510 of the Federal Act *require* that permits issued under that system incorporate applicable standards promulgated by an interstate agency wherever they are more stringent than comparable state or federal standards.”)

they are voluntary instead of mandatory.⁷ The 2019 revised standards now state: “no single standard for the treatment of sewage or industrial waste is applicable in all parts of the District due to such variable factors as size, flow, locations, character, self purification, and usage of waters within the District.”⁸ In a presentation to stakeholders, ORSANCO said the revised standards “would allow states to use alternative criteria from those contained in ORSANCO’s Pollution Control Standards in their NPDES permitting processes, so long as resulting permit requirements are protective of Ohio River designated uses.”⁹ As a result, ORSANCO no longer requires imposition of ORSANCO standards, but IDEM does.

ORSANCO standards run counter to Governor Braun’s EO 25-38 because they are more stringent than federal requirements, are unduly burdensome, are not supported by current law and the best available science, and do not benefit Indiana’s environment. In addition, ORSANCO standards run counter to Governor Braun’s EO 25-17, which required state agencies to compare existing rules to rules in Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. ORSANCO standards are not imposed on dischargers to the Ohio River in Ohio and Illinois.¹⁰ Requiring compliance with stricter water quality standards than neighboring states creates an undue burden on Indiana businesses. Because neighboring states do not impose ORSANCO standards on permittees, IDEM should no longer impose ORSANCO standards on permittees.

In Ohio, the ORSANCO thermal standard has been litigated and determined to be scientifically unsound. See *e.g. Dayton Power & Light Co. v. Ohio Env’tl. Prot. Agency*, No. 13-296712 (June 18, 2014) (Ohio Env’tl. Review Appeals Comm’n). ORSANCO ceased reviewing and updating its standards in 2019 due, in part, to the litigation regarding their legitimacy. IDEM should not impose ORSANCO limits on permittees without an independent scientific review of their legitimacy.

IDEM only recently started incorporating ORSANCO standards into NPDES renewal permits.¹¹ IDEM imposed the ORSANCO thermal standard on the IKEC Clifty Creek facility for the first time in the 2022 NPDES renewal permit despite that limit existing since 2012.

(emphasis added)).

⁷ ORSANCO, Pollution Control Standards, rev. 2019, § 1.1 <https://www.orsanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Final-Standards-Doc-2019-Revision.pdf> (striking the sentence quoted in footnote 6). See also, Julia Fair, *Ohio River: Water quality standards now voluntary after oversight group’s vote*, Cincinnati Enquirer (June 6, 2019), <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2019/06/06/ohio-river-oversight-water-quality-standards-voluntary/1368298001/>.

⁸ ORSANCO, Pollution Control Standards, rev. 2019, § 1.1

⁹ ORSANCO, 2019 Public Review of Pollution Control Standards for Discharges to the Ohio River, slide 11 (2019), <https://www.orsanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-PCS-Webinar.pdf>.

¹⁰ Julie Grant, Commission Considers Scrapping Pollution Standards for Ohio River, WOSU Public Media (Feb. 13, 2019), <https://www.wosu.org/news/2019-02-13/commission-considers-scrapping-pollution-standards-for-ohio-river> (“Some [states], like Pennsylvania and Indiana, have adopted the ORSANCO standards, while others, like Ohio and Illinois, have not.”).

¹¹ IKEC Clifty Creek Station, NPDES Permit No. IN0001759 (Nov. 29, 2022) (VFC #83397697); Town of Brooksbury Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), NPDES Permit No. IN0060470 (Aug. 22, 2024) (VFC #83697926); Town of Hanover WWTP, NPDES Permit No. IN0020702 (Sept. 27, 2023) (VFC #83536828); SABIC Innovative Plastics Mt. Vernon LLC, NPDES Permit No. IN0002101 (June 22, 2023) (VFC #83492334); Town of Leavenworth WWTP, NPDES Permit No. IN0021121 (May 25, 2023) (VFC #83480615).

There were no intervening changes to the facility or the Ohio River to justify imposition of the ORSANCO thermal limit at that time. IDEM has not explained the change in practice.

Rule 327 IAC 5-2-10(a)(4)(C) has been in place since 1982 (through various recodifications), which means that as ORSANCO standards have changed over the years, the requirements applicable to Indiana facilities have changed without publication in the Indiana Register or the opportunity for public comment in Indiana. This is counter to the requirements for rulemaking in Indiana. To the extent IDEM believes the ORSANCO standards are appropriate, IDEM should promulgate the standards through the rulemaking process rather than applying them in NPDES permits through the authority of 327 IAC 5-2-10(a)(4)(C).

Further, IDEM has misapplied the ORSANCO standards. The ORSANCO thermal limit aims to protect human health and therefore applies “where public access is possible.”¹² However, at the IKEC Clifty Creek facility, IDEM applied the standard at Outfall 003.¹³ Public access to Outfall 003 is restricted and no humans are exposed to the discharge of Outfall 003 at the point of discharge.

For these reasons, IDEM should amend 327 IAC 5-2-10(a)(4)(C) and not apply ORSANCO standards to permittees.

6. IDEM regulations should make clear that IDEM can (and should) revise fact sheets when presented with new or more accurate information. In addition, fact sheets should not be a mechanism to allege non-compliance with an NPDES requirement.

Pursuant to 327 IAC 5-3-8(a), every NPDES permit must include a Fact Sheet. The Fact Sheet sets out the major facts, methodologies, and policy questions that IDEM considered in preparing the permit. The Fact Sheet must include specific descriptions, data, and explanations regarding the NPDES permit. *Id.* § 8(b). IKEC proposes a revision to 327 IAC 5-3-8 explicitly requiring IDEM to amend or revise the Fact Sheet when the permittee presents the agency with new information or a material change in the information included in the Fact Sheet. IKEC proposes adding the following subsection at the end of 327 IAC 5-3-8:

(c) The contents of the fact sheet prepared for a draft permit enumerated in subsection (b) of this rule shall be revised by the department at any time up until the publication of a final permit when the department is presented with information that materially differs from the information contained in the draft permit or fact sheet.

IDEM has indicated in the past that it cannot revise a Fact Sheet. However, IKEC can find no statutes or rules that prohibit IDEM from amending or revising the Fact Sheet. IKEC believes that clarifying that IDEM can (and must) revise the Fact Sheet will lessen the burden on the regulated community and ensure environmental rules are applied consistently and accurately. IDEM must ensure the facts upon which it relies in its decision making are current

¹² ORSANCO, Pollution Control Standards for Discharges to the Ohio River, rev. 2019 § 3.3.F, <https://www.orsanco.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Final-Standards-Doc-2019-Revision.pdf>.

¹³ NPDES No. IN0001759, Part. I.A.3, tbl. 1 (Nov. 29, 2022) (VFC No. [83397697](#)).

and accurate. A regulated entity, like IKEC, can be materially harmed by a Fact Sheet containing inaccurate or incomplete information. Fact Sheets are evaluated by third parties that might rely on inaccurate or incomplete information if IDEM does not correct them, which can result in citizen suits or other inquiries.

7. IDEM must not attempt to redefine terms that are defined by statute or rule through a permit or fact sheet.

IDEM must not attempt to redefine terms that already exist in regulation. For example, NPDES regulations do not define “tank,” but the term is defined elsewhere:

1. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) rules define “tank” to mean “a stationary device, designed to contain an accumulation of hazardous waste which is constructed primarily of non-earthen materials (e.g., wood, concrete, steel, plastic) which provide structural support.”¹⁴
2. IDEM Water Quality Standards define “aboveground storage tank” to mean “a stationary device designed to structurally support, enclose, and contain an accumulation of liquid hazardous materials on or above the surface of the ground, and which is constructed of nonearthen materials, such as concrete, metal, or plastic.” 327 IAC 2-10-4(1).
3. The federal Effluent Limitation Guideline (ELG) for Steam Electric Power Generating Sources defines “tank” as “a stationary device, designed to contain an accumulation of wastewater which is constructed primarily of non-earthen materials (e.g., wood concrete, steel, plastic) which provide structural support and which is not a coal combustion residual surface impoundment.” 40 C.F.R. 423.11(bb).
4. The ELG also “coal combustion residual surface impoundment” as “a natural topographic depression, man-made excavation, or diked area, which is designed to hold an accumulation of coal combustion residuals and liquids, and the unit treats, stores, or disposes of coal combustion residuals.” *Id.* § 423.11(ee).

At the IKEC Clifty Creek facility, the boiler slag handling system (BSHS) is a tank, and it should be counted toward the total wetted volume of the wastewater system. IDEM had previously attempted to redefine the BSHS to be a surface impoundment, and therefore not counted toward the total wetted volume of the wastewater system, even though a QPE had determined the BSHS to be a tank. Such definitional changes should not be made in permitting decisions. Rather, they should be subject to notice and comment rulemaking and a final (not proposed) determination must be made before being considered as part of NPDES permitting or other permits.

A continued practice of redefining terms established either in State or Federal regulations or programs creates an undue burden and utilizes the regulations in a manner that is not supported by current law, which is in contradiction with Governor Braun’s EO 25-38.

¹⁴ 40 C.F.R. 260.10.

8. In Clean Water Act Section 401 certifications, IDEM is limited to considering adverse impacts to water quality, and only such impacts insofar as they prevent compliance with applicable water quality requirements.

IKEC requests that IDEM review EPA Acting Assistant Administrator Peggy Browne's May 21, 2025 memorandum providing "Clarification regarding the Application of Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification."¹⁵ In her memorandum, Browne "reiterate[s] the EPA's longstanding position that states and Tribes must utilize CWA Section 401 only for its statutory purpose – to protect water quality." Further, IDEM's Section 401 "evaluation is limited to considering adverse impacts to water quality, and only such impacts insofar as they prevent compliance with applicable water quality requirements." EPA's position is that the CWA does not authorize a certification condition based on generalized concerns about water quality, but the application of a specific water quality requirements. Factors EPA mentions as irrelevant in IDEM's Section 401 certification process include impacts to air quality, traffic, noise, project preference, or economic impacts that do not directly affect water quality.

IKEC also reiterates the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) role under 40 C.F.R. 121.8 addressing the extent of federal agency review for CWA section 401 certifications:

To the extent a Federal agency verifies compliance with the requirements of Clean Water Act section 401, its review is limited to whether: the appropriate certifying authority issued the certification decision; the certifying authority confirmed it complied with its public notice procedures established pursuant to Clean Water Act section 401(a)(1); and the certifying authority acted on the request for certification within the reasonable period of time.

Any unnecessary review beyond the scope of adverse impacts to water quality, and the redundant review by multiple agencies, creates a burden on the regulated community and delays the administrative process causing construction and project delays with no meaningful benefits to environmental quality.

¹⁵ Available at [clarification-re-application-of-cwa-401-certification_may-2025.pdf](#).

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Dear Governor Braun & IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

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Re: Executive Order 25-38

Dear Commissioner Woods:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the implementation of Executive Order 25-38. Given the broad nature of the Executive Order, we'd simply like to express our general concern about the underlying tenor of the Order as well as its potential future repercussions.

With regard to Indiana's water resources, this is not a time to reduce regulatory protections or weaken regulatory enforcement. Water quality is impaired in at least 49 percent of Indiana streams, with many streams remaining unmonitored. More than 80 percent of Indiana wetlands, which provide both water quality protection and flood risk reduction, have been eliminated. We have more coal ash ponds adjacent to streams or overlying groundwater bodies than nearly any other state. And like all states, we face emerging, quickly accumulating contaminants such as PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, aka forever chemicals) while still dealing with legacy contaminants such as lead service lines in our homes, businesses, and schools, and high concentrations of bacteria and nutrients in our stormwater and agricultural runoff that contribute to harmful algae blooms. All of these realities pose health and safety risks to people, pets, wildlife, and livestock as well as looming remediation costs at a time when water is more important than ever to Hoosiers' futures. Indeed, while Indiana remains first in the nation with regard to its economic dependence on water resources, it currently ranks last in the nation when it comes to water pollution.

Given these challenges, this is an important time to reconsider using federal environmental regulations as a benchmark for Indiana. Federal water quality protections are being weakened and in some cases repealed altogether, which shifts more responsibility and control back to individual states to handle their unique water quality challenges. Tying Indiana regulations even more tightly to federal regulations, as Executive Order 25-38 does, leaves us with lowest common denominator protections. Yet, Indiana has unique and highly valuable Midwestern water resources that are worthy of thoughtful protection to ensure we remain nationally competitive and locally secure. This is only accomplished when we allow our own public servants, who develop important insights from close observation of our resources, to determine the best course of action. A strict adoption of 'no more stringent than' federal water standards and regulations puts these unique resources at extreme risk at a time when they are already under significant pressure.

Indiana state policy should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness over short-sighted gains. We should be making every effort to maintain a sustainable, viable environmental and economic future, and this requires regulatory flexibility.

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The City of Angola has struggled with the approval of Chloride variance relief within our IDEM Sanitary Permit. This water quality regulation has put an undue burden on city tax payers that will result in a negative environmental impact if implemented. My request with Executive Order 25-38 is to examine chloride limit requirements that are burdensome and are raising the cost of living for residents in the City of Angola.

Thanks,

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Dear Governor Braun and IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

I went to college in Missoula, MT, where "A River Runs Through It" was filmed. I wish Indy could see the unique opportunity that a river at it's heart affords. We could really capitalize on it, as a point of pride as well as tourism. But it requires stewardship.

Thank you,

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of citizens who are alarmed by Governor Braun's abdication of his responsibility to Hoosiers and our children.

Environmental protections should not be positioned as antithetical to business. Good business should by definition incorporate the strongest environmental protections possible.

What tends to happen instead is the damage is pushed to poor communities and to future generations.

Don't do this.

My family has lived in Indiana for generations. My great-grandfather helped found Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. My great-uncle was mayor of Salem Indiana.

We owe our children the same benefits we have enjoyed.

Stacy Bogan
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From: [Ashton Eller](#)
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Subject: Submission of Comments from the Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) in Response to Executive Order 25-38
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Dear Indiana Department of Environmental Management,

Please find attached the formal comments from the Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) regarding the evaluation of existing environmental regulations, submitted in response to the notice related to Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38, "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation."

We respectfully submit these comments for your consideration. Could you please reply to this email to confirm that you have received our submission and that it has been accepted?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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June 30, 2025

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Subject: Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA) Feedback on Existing Environmental Regulations in Response to Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38

To whom it may concern:

The Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA), a voluntary, non-profit trade association representing over 1,000 companies and approximately 350,000 manufacturing jobs in Indiana, appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback as part of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) evaluation of existing environmental regulations. Our members have facilities in Indiana that could be considerably impacted by environmental rules, agency policies, and permits utilized by IDEM.

We commend Governor Mike Braun for his leadership in signing Executive Order 25-38, "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation," on March 12, 2025, which directs agencies like IDEM to identify and report opportunities to revisit or rescind environmental regulations and policies that are unduly burdensome, significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, are not supported by current law and the best available science, or do not benefit Indiana's environment. This executive order also mandates a review of environmental rules currently in place that exceed applicable federal requirements without explicit direction.

We respectfully submit the following recommendations, aiming to align Indiana's regulations with federal standards, reduce unnecessary burdens, and promote economic opportunities in the state. As requested, we have strived to be specific, include supporting information, providing Indiana Administrative Code citations, and offer concrete suggestions.

Recommendations for Environmental Regulations and Policies:

1. **Hazardous Waste Labeling (326 IAC 262.17(a)(5)(i)(B) and 326 IAC 262.15(a)(5)(ii))**

- **Current IDEM Practice:** IDEM requires large quantity generators to include all applicable RCRA hazardous waste characteristics (ignitable, corrosive, reactive, toxic) on container labels when enforcing the state's RCRA program.
- **Federal Comparison:** EPA regulations (40 CFR 262.17(a)(5)(i)(B) and 40 CFR 262.15(a)(5)(ii)) do not require large quantity generators to include all RCRA hazardous waste characteristics on labels, offering flexibility to use DOT labels, OSHA pictograms, a description of applicable waste characteristics, or labels consistent with National Fire Protection Association Code 704. EPA emphasizes that using DOT hazard communication can satisfy both EPA and DOT requirements when waste is shipped off-site.
- **Recommendation:** IDEM should **accept all examples of hazardous waste container labeling provided in the federal rule**, allowing generators the flexibility to choose the method that best suits their operations while maintaining hazard communication and reducing unnecessary burden.

2. Air Compliance Requirements Exceeding Federal Standards

- **Method 21 Monitoring for Gasoline Loading Equipment (326 IAC 8-4-9)**
 - **Current IDEM Practice:** IDEM enforces requirements for Method 21 monitoring for gasoline loading equipment at major sources for HAPs and dispensing less than 20,000 gallons per day, which is more stringent than federal requirements and has no specified frequency.
 - **Federal Comparison:** Federal requirements (40 CFR 63 subpart R and BBBBBB) only require Method 21 monitoring at bulk gasoline terminals. Additionally, Title V potential to emit calculations already account for tank breathing and working losses, and emissions associated with dispensing gasoline.
 - **Recommendation:** IDEM should **eliminate the more stringent requirement for Method 21 monitoring for gasoline loading equipment** under 326 IAC 8-4-9, aligning with federal standards that focus on bulk gasoline terminals and acknowledging existing emission calculations.
- **Inclusion of Indoor Particulate Matter Emissions in Air Permitting Thresholds (326 IAC 6.5-1-2(a))**

- **Current IDEM Practice:** IDEM includes indoor particulate matter emissions in air permitting thresholds pursuant to 326 IAC 6.5-1-2(a), which is more stringent than federal requirements and is done without considering dry filters for control.
- **Federal Comparison:** Federal regulations (40 CFR parts 60 and 63) primarily address outdoor emissions, and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) regulate outdoor air emissions.
- **Recommendation:** IDEM should **revise 326 IAC 6.5-1-2(a) to exclude indoor particulate matter emissions** from air permitting calculations, especially without considering dry filters for control, to be consistent with federal regulations that focus on outdoor air quality and emissions.

3. Insignificant Source Requirements

- **Current IDEM Practice:** IDEM frequently requests production quantity information for insignificant sources, even though 326 IAC 2-8-3 Permit application (I) states such information "need not be provided unless the commissioner determines that the information is necessary to determine the applicability of 40 CFR 70".
- **Federal/Other State Comparison:** EPA and several other adjacent states exempt sources like water heaters and hand tools from such detailed production quantity requests.
- **Recommendation:** IDEM should **refrain from requiring production quantity information for insignificant sources** unless explicitly determined by the commissioner to be necessary for 40 CFR 70 applicability, aligning with federal intent and practices in other states and reducing unnecessary reporting burdens.

4. Initiate a Comprehensive Review of All Environmental Permit Fees

- **Benchmark Fees to Maintain Competitiveness:** In line with Executive Order 25-38, Indiana's permit fees must be benchmarked against competitor states to ensure regulatory costs do not hinder economic growth.

The IMA acknowledges that certain fees, such as the FESOP annual maintenance fees may be necessary to ensure stable funding for compliance programs, a comprehensive review is necessary.

- **Address Significant Fee Disparities:** Significant disparities hinder economic opportunity and warrant immediate review and reduction.
- **Create a Fair and Equitable Fee Structure:** A comprehensive analysis should evaluate the fairness of the entire fee system. A complete review can ensure that all fees are reasonable.
- **Promote a Stable and Predictable Regulatory Environment:** The goal of this comprehensive review should be to establish a permit fee framework that is transparent, predictable, and aligned with the state's economic development objectives. This will provide the business community with the certainty needed for long-term planning and investment in Indiana.
- **Conclusion:** We urge a broad analysis of all IDEM permit fees, including air, water, and land permits. Focusing on a single permit type in isolation can create an unbalanced and uncompetitive fee structure over the long term. A holistic review is needed to assess the cumulative regulatory cost for Indiana's manufacturers.

5. IDEM Risk-based Closure Guidance

- **Need for Update and Flexibility:** The guide is critical for contaminated site investigation and closure. It was designed to be flexible, but the application by staff has often been overly rigid, making it difficult for project managers to deviate from a prescriptive sequence of events. The guide needs revision to address technical deficiencies and should remain a flexible document.
- **Technical Deficiencies:**
 - **Rigid Application:** The guidance should be applied flexibly to address each site based on its unique characteristics. The current rigid application by staff can lead to confusion and misapplication.
 - **Lack of Clarity and Inadequate Risk Assessment:** Certain sections may lack clarity, making it difficult to apply guidelines correctly. Additionally, the guide does not adequately address all potential risks.
 - **Outdated Standards:** Some standards and criteria are outdated and do not reflect the latest scientific research and technological advancements.

Updating these standards is essential to ensure that the guide remains relevant and effective.

- **Lack of Clarity:** Certain sections of the guide may lack clarity, making it difficult for environmental professionals to interpret and apply the guidelines correctly. Clear and concise language is necessary to avoid misinterpretation and ensure consistent application.
- **Inadequate Risk Assessment:** The guide does not adequately address all potential risks associated with contaminated sites. Comprehensive risk assessment methodologies should be included to ensure that all environmental and human health risks are properly evaluated.
- **Regulatory Burden:** Implementing the Risk-based Closure Guide as a rule at every site imposes additional regulatory burdens on businesses and property owners. This could lead to increased costs and delays in site remediation projects. By keeping the guide as a flexible document, IDEM can provide guidance without imposing unnecessary constraints that are not applicable and/or appropriate at some sites.
- **Stakeholder Input:** Revising the guide to address technical deficiencies should involve input from a wide range of stakeholders, including environmental professionals, industry representatives, and community members. This collaborative approach ensures that the guide reflects the needs and concerns of all affected parties and incorporates the latest scientific and technical knowledge.

6. IDEM Long Term Stewardship Guidance for Flexible Restrictive Covenants

- To allow more flexible restrictive covenants in the IDEM Long Term Stewardship Guidance, several key adjustments and considerations should be made that will enable flexibility for site-specific considerations while maintaining appropriate levels of safeguards for human health and the environment:
- **Incorporate Site-specific Flexibility:** The guidance should allow for site-specific conditions to dictate the terms of restrictive covenants. This means recognizing that different sites may have unique contamination profiles, land uses, and risk factors that require tailored restrictions. By incorporating flexibility, IDEM can ensure that the covenants are appropriate for the specific circumstances of each site. However, we would caution against universal application of site-specific

restriction standards (with no standardized restrictions) and possibly reserve those for specific site challenges.

- **Streamline the Approval and Modification Process:** Simplifying the process for approving and modifying restrictive covenants can enhance flexibility. This could involve creating a more straightforward review process for minor modifications or updates to covenants, reducing the administrative burden on property owners and IDEM staff. Our members would benefit from a more streamlined approval process. Currently, it is common to go through at least two revisions for each site prior to obtaining approval of the ERC. We also often encounter new comments being raised when we address comments from a previous review and struggle with inconsistencies between reviewers, which creates confusion.
- **Use Performance-Based Standards:** Instead of prescribing specific actions or restrictions, the guidance can adopt performance-based standards that focus on achieving desired environmental outcomes. This approach allows property owners to choose the most effective and feasible methods to meet the standards, providing greater flexibility in how they comply with the covenants.
- **Provide Clear Guidance and Templates:** While templates with standard language and fillable fields already exist, offering clearer guidance or enhanced templates could help ensure consistency while allowing for necessary, site-specific flexibility.
- **Conclusion:** By incorporating these adjustments, the IDEM Long Term Stewardship Guidance can provide a more flexible and adaptive framework for restrictive covenants, ensuring that they effectively protect human health and the environment while accommodating the unique conditions of each site.

7. General Comment Applicable to All 40+ Year Old RACT Rules (Reasonably Available Control Technology)

- Most PM RACT rules have experienced scope creep since their incorporation into the Indiana SIP. Part of the reason for this is that the rules were developed before Title V was created and permitting of sources became more widespread.
- For example, 326 IAC 6-2 originally applied only to sources needing a construction permit. For natural gas fired units this was 57 MMBtu/hr (when NO_x PTE hit 25 tpy). Units smaller than this were not subject to the rule since they did not require a permit. Today, IDEM applies this rule and accompanying

preventative maintenance requirements to 0.1 MMBtu/hr units creating a regulatory hurdle with no environmental benefit. Another example is the application of 326 IAC 8-5-3 to research and development when the Pharmaceutical MACT (40 CFR Part 63 Subpart GGG) carves out these activities. It does not make sense to have a RACT apply more broadly than the MACT standard. Finally, many of these rules refer to manufacturing in their titles and applicability. Yet IDEM has historically applied the standards to maintenance and shop activities including hand tools, drill presses, and small woodworking activities as though they were part of a production line.

8. Particulate Emission Limitations for Sources of Indirect Heating (326 IAC 6-2) Should Not Apply to Natural Gas-Fired Units

- 326 IAC 6-2 establishes limitations for sources of indirect heating. Specifically, it applies to “particulate emissions from the *combustion of fuel* for indirect heating”. The issue that many facilities within Indiana face is that IDEM applies this requirement to all sources of indirect heating without any consideration of fuel type. Natural gas-fired combustion units cannot exceed the regulatorily calculated allowable emission rate regardless of the size of the unit.

Using the AP-42 emission factors, potential particulate emissions are 0.002 lb/MMBtu. By employing the equation in 326 IAC 6-2-4 for new indirect heating facilities constructed after September 21, 1983, and back calculating the required heat input value to exceed the natural gas factor’s potential particulate rate, a unit would need a heat input capacity of greater than 3.35×10^{10} (33,465,855,424.80). Applying this requirement to natural gas-fired sources of indirect heating is not necessary. Once IDEM applies 326 IAC 6-2 to a natural gas-fired source of indirect heating, they subsequently apply the Preventive Maintenance Plan (PMP) requirements at 326 IAC 1-6-3 to the units. Consequently, an emission unit that cannot physically exceed an allowable emissions rate under the 326 IAC 6-2 rule becomes subject to two rules and possible compliance deviations if they fail to maintain the required PMPs.

- **Reasons for Exemption:**
 - **Economic Considerations:** Requiring preventative maintenance plans for natural gas-fired indirect-fired heating units can impose significant financial burdens on businesses. The costs associated with regular maintenance, inspections, and potential downtime for servicing can be substantial, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises. These

costs may outweigh the benefits, particularly if the units are already operating efficiently without frequent maintenance.

- **Technological Reliability:** Modern indirect-fired heating units are designed with advanced technology that ensures reliability and efficiency. These units often come with built-in diagnostics and self-monitoring systems that can alert operators to potential issues before they become serious problems. Given these technological advancements, the necessity for a formal preventative maintenance plan may be reduced, as the units can maintain their performance with minimal intervention.
- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Mandating preventative maintenance plans can reduce operational flexibility for businesses. Companies may prefer to adopt a reactive maintenance approach, addressing issues as they arise rather than adhering to a rigid schedule. This flexibility allows businesses to allocate resources more effectively and respond to actual needs rather than hypothetical scenarios.
- **Existing Regulations and Standards:** Natural gas-fired, indirect-fired heating units are already subject to various regulations and standards that ensure their safe and efficient operation. These include compliance with design-based emission standards, safety protocols, and performance criteria. Adding an additional layer of preventative maintenance requirements may be redundant and create unnecessary regulatory complexity.
- **Environmental Impact:** While preventative maintenance can help reduce emissions and improve efficiency, the environmental benefits may be marginal for natural gas-fired indirect-fired heating units. These units typically have significantly lower emissions compared to other industrial equipment, and the incremental improvements from preventative maintenance may not justify the associated costs and efforts.
- **Conclusion:** While preventative maintenance plans can offer benefits, they may not be necessary for natural gas-fired, indirect-fired heating units due to economic considerations, technological reliability, operational flexibility, existing regulations, marginal environmental impact, and established industry best practices. Allowing businesses to determine their maintenance strategies can lead to more efficient and effective operations.

9. Particulate Matter Limitations Except Lake County (326 IAC 6.5-1-2) and Particulate Matter Limitations for Lake County General Requirements (326 IAC 6.8-1-2) Should Not Apply to Fugitive Emissions

- The IDEM General Particulate Emission Limitations at 326 IAC 6.5-1-2 and 326 IAC 6.8-1-2 are designed to regulate particulate matter emissions from various facilities to ensure air quality standards are met. Both cited regulations include the application of particulate matter emission limitations in the form of grams per dry standard cubic meter/grains per dry standard foot. The application of these types of limitations is not appropriate for fugitive emissions sources for several reasons:
 - **Nature of Fugitive Emissions:** Fugitive emissions are particulate matter that escapes from non-point sources, such as unpaved roads, and open storage piles. These emissions are inherently different from those emitted through stacks, vents, or chimneys, which are the primary focus of the Particulate Emission Limitations Rules. The diffuse and intermittent nature of fugitive emissions makes them challenging to control using the same standards applied to point sources and compliance with an outlet grain loading limitation is not feasible to determine since there is no ducted airflow.
 - **Regulatory Framework:** Fugitive emissions are already addressed under specific regulations that recognize their unique characteristics. For example, the Indiana Administrative Code at 326 IAC 6-4, 326 IAC 6-5, and 326 IAC 6.8-10 outline rules for fugitive dust, which include measures to minimize particulate emissions generation and prevent it from crossing property lines. Applying the General Particulate Emission Limitation Rules to fugitive emissions would create redundancy, potential regulatory conflicts, and the inability for a source to ensure or determine compliance.
 - **Control Measures:** The control measures for fugitive emissions differ significantly from those for point source emissions. Best practices for controlling fugitive dust include applying water or dust suppressants, reducing vehicle speeds on unpaved roads, and using windbreaks. These measures are tailored to the specific conditions that generate fugitive emissions and are not covered by the General Particulate Emission Limitation Rules.

- **Economic Impact:** Imposing the General Particulate Emission Limitation Rules on fugitive emissions could result in significant economic burdens for industries and activities that generate these emissions. Compliance with stringent particulate matter standards designed for point sources may require costly modifications or operational changes that are not feasible for controlling fugitive emissions.
- **Environmental Effectiveness:** The environmental benefits of applying the General Particulate Emission Limitation Rules to fugitive emissions may be limited. Fugitive emissions are often localized and transient, and the existing regulations already provide effective measures to minimize their impact on air quality. Focusing regulatory efforts on major point sources of particulate matter is likely to yield greater overall improvements in air quality.
- **Conclusion:** While the IDEM General Particulate Emission Limitation Rules are essential for controlling emissions from point sources, its application to fugitive emissions is not appropriate due to the distinct nature of these emissions, existing regulatory frameworks, tailored control measures, economic considerations, and the limited environmental benefits. It is more effective to continue addressing fugitive emissions through specific regulations designed for their unique characteristics.

10. Outdated RACT Rules Should Not Be Applicable to Space Heaters

- The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has established Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) rules to control emissions from various sources to meet air quality standards. However, applying these old RACT rules to space heaters may not be appropriate for several reasons:
 - **Technological Advancements:** Space heaters have undergone significant technological advancements since the original RACT rules were established. Modern space heaters are designed to be more energy-efficient and produce fewer emissions compared to older models. Applying outdated RACT standards to these advanced devices would not reflect the current state of technology and could hinder the adoption of newer, cleaner technologies.
 - **Emission Levels:** Space heaters typically have lower emission levels compared to larger industrial sources that the RACT rules were originally

designed to regulate. The emissions from space heaters are relatively minor and may not significantly impact overall air quality. Therefore, imposing stringent RACT requirements on space heaters may not yield substantial environmental benefits.

- **Economic Impact:** Implementing old RACT rules on space heaters could impose unnecessary economic burdens on manufacturers and consumers. Compliance with outdated standards may require costly modifications or replacements of existing equipment, which could be financially challenging for businesses and individuals. This economic impact may not be justified given the relatively low emissions from space heaters.
- **Regulatory Efficiency:** Applying old RACT rules to space heaters could lead to regulatory inefficiencies. IDEM's resources could be better utilized by focusing on larger sources of emissions that have a more significant impact on air quality. By prioritizing the regulation of major emission sources, IDEM can achieve greater environmental benefits and improve overall air quality more effectively.
- **Specificity of RACT Rules:** The original RACT rules were likely developed with specific industrial processes and equipment in mind. Space heaters, being a different category of equipment, may not fit well within the parameters of these rules. Tailoring regulations specifically for space heaters would ensure that the standards are relevant and effective for this type of equipment.
- **Conclusion:** RACT rules play a crucial role in controlling emissions and protecting air quality, applying old RACT standards to space heaters may not be appropriate due to technological advancements, lower emission levels, economic considerations, regulatory efficiency, and the specificity of the original rules. It would be more effective to develop updated and tailored regulations that reflect the current state of space heater technology and their impact on air quality.

11. The Indiana Issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Regarding Post-Development Runoff Rates Needs to Be Revised

- Section 4.6(c)(3)(A) of the 2021 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit (INR040000) issued by IDEM regarding Stormwater Quality Management Plan (SWQMP) Post-construction Stormwater Run-off Minimum Control Measure (MCM) reads as follows:

“(c) Incorporate performance standards into an ordinance and/or other resource documents. The program, at a minimum, must:

- (1) Establish design criteria to reduce pollutants and manage stormwater quantity that at a minimum meets or exceeds the post-construction requirements as identified in the Construction Stormwater General Permit.
- (2) Develop a list of stormwater management measures and standards that are appropriate for improving water quality. The measures may include structural, and non-structural practices, and low impact/green infrastructure principles.
- (3) Post-construction stormwater management measures must be implemented to manage the discharge of stormwater run-off to address quality and quantity. Measures must be designed and engineered in accordance with the following standards and at a minimum:
 - (A) The run-off rate of stormwater run-off and/or volume from the project site must meet local requirements to address stormwater quantity as established by ordinance or other regulatory mechanism. The post-development run-off discharge from the project site must at a minimum not exceed the pre-development discharge based on the two-year, ten-year, and one-hundred year peak storm events.”

- The federally issued permits associated MS4s do not require the specific not to exceed previous runoff rates as stated in the IDEM issued MS4 permit and the rules at 40 CR 122 do not require the specific pre-development runoff control that IDEM has in its MS4 permit. Given this, Section (c)(3)(A) of the IDEM issued MS4 permit needs to be written and more in line with what the federal rules require and give municipalities the flexibility to determine appropriate local post-development run-off conditions for projects.

12. IDEM Needs to Set Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) Limits in NPDES Permits Consistent with Federal Rules

- When no national categorical standards exist, a permit writer has discretionary authority to determine limitations representing appropriate treatment technology based on BPJ. To set a BPJ limit, a permit writer is required to consider the same factors EPA considers when developing a national categorical standard, such as cost, cost-effectiveness, achievability, and applicability.

- Setting BPJ limits requires a comprehensive evaluation of technological feasibility, economic considerations, pollutant characteristics, site-specific conditions, historical performance data, regulatory precedents, environmental impact, compliance with water quality standards, stakeholder input, and professional expertise.
- **Concern:** The business community has observed several permitting situations where the application of BPJ limits in IDEM issued NPDES permits has not adequately addressed the required evaluation factors. This has led to unnecessary increased costs and compliance risks for businesses due to incomplete BPJ factor evaluations.
- **Recommendation:** IDEM needs to **ensure that BPJ limits are set consistently with federal rules**, including a comprehensive evaluation of all required factors.
- Our past submissions on water quality standards for the entire state and the Great Lakes system provide a complete description of our positions and are incorporated by reference.

13. NPDES Monthly Monitoring Reports (MMR) requirement for the General NPDES permits

- **Duplication of Reporting Efforts:** The current MMR requirement results in duplicative reporting, as the information required in MMRs is already comprehensively addressed within the federally mandated DMRs. This redundancy does not provide additional environmental protection or regulatory benefit but instead increases administrative burden.
- **Regional Regulatory Consistency:** A review of surrounding states' NPDES programs reveals that none requires the submission of MMRs in addition to DMRs. States such as Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan rely solely on DMRs to satisfy both state and federal reporting requirements. Aligning Indiana's reporting requirements with those of neighboring states would promote regulatory consistency and reduce unnecessary complexity for permittees operating across state lines.
- **Increased Workload and Resource Allocation:** The duplicative nature of MMRs creates additional work for both permittees and their consultants. This not only



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increases costs and administrative workload but also diverts resources that could be better allocated to direct environmental management and compliance activities.

- **Lack of Federal Requirement:** There is no federal requirement under the Clean Water Act or NPDES program for Monthly Monitoring Reports beyond the DMRs. Maintaining the MMR requirement at the state level imposes an unnecessary regulatory burden without corresponding federal mandate or demonstrable environmental benefit.
- **Recommendation:** We respectfully request that IDEM amend 327 IAC 5-2-15(a) to eliminate the requirement for Monthly Monitoring Reports and instead require only the federally mandated DMRs. This change would streamline compliance, align Indiana's program with federal and regional practices, and allow regulated entities to focus resources on meaningful environmental protection.

14. IMA concurs with Indiana Energy Association's submitted comments.

- **Increased Compliance Costs:** Utilities compliance costs are often passed on to consumers, including manufacturers, through higher electricity rates.

The Indiana Manufacturers Association believes that addressing these specific areas will significantly contribute to "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation" and foster a more competitive and business-friendly environment in Indiana, while still upholding environmental standards.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these comments. The IMA is available to provide further information or engage in discussions as needed. If you have any questions or need additional information on any issue raised in these comments, please contact me by email at aeller@indianamfg.com or by phone at (317) 217-6992.

Respectfully,

Ashton Eller
Vice President, Governmental Affairs
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I do not support Executive Order 25-38. The order will hurt Indiana's environment and gravely impact the health of Hoosiers.

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Good morning, IDEM should revise the following highlighted references as follows:

- (1) Replace "office of environmental adjudication" with "office of administrative law proceedings."
- (2) Replace "environmental law judge" with "administrative law judge."

Neither the office of environmental adjudication nor environmental law judges exist anymore. As a result, these rules "are not supported by current law." Thank you.

326 IAC 17.1-6-1 Administrative appeal

An appeal of a determination shall be:

- (1) in accordance with IC 4-21.5-3 and rules of the **office of environmental adjudication**; and
- (2) made by filing a written petition for review with the **office of environmental adjudication** in accordance with IC 4-21.5- 3.

A copy of the petition shall be served on the commissioner concurrent with such filing.

327 IAC 12.1-7-1 Administrative appeal

An appeal of a determination shall be:

- (1) in accordance with IC 4-21.5-3 and rules of the **office of environmental adjudication**; and
- (2) made by filing a written petition for review with the **office of environmental adjudication** in accordance with IC 4-21.5-3.

A copy of the petition shall be served on the commissioner concurrent with such filing.

327 IAC 15-7-5 NOI letter requirements under this rule

(b) The NOI letter must also include proof of publication of the following statement in a newspaper of largest circulation in the area of the discharge:

"(Your facility name, address, address of the location of the discharging facility, and the stream(s) receiving the discharge(s)) is submitting a Notice of Intent letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under 327 IAC 15-7 to discharge wastewater associated with the mining of coal, coal processing, and/or reclamation activities. Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal in writing to the **Environmental Law Judge** of the **Office of Environmental Adjudication** for an adjudicatory hearing on the question of whether this facility should operate under this NPDES general permit rule. An appeal must be postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days from the date of this public notice. Such a written request for an adjudicatory hearing must:

- (A) state the name and address of the person making the request;
- (B) identify the interest of the person making the request;
- (C) identify any persons represented by the person making the request;

- (D) state with particularity the reasons for the request;
- (E) state with particularity the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing; and
- (F) state with particularity the reasons why the NPDES general permit rule should not be available to the discharger identified in this notice.

Any such request shall be mailed or delivered to:

Office of Environmental Adjudication
Indiana Government Center-North
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204".

(c) Following submittal of an NOI letter to IDEM and publication in the newspaper by the person requesting coverage under subsection (b), IDEM shall do the following:

- (1) Review the NOI for applicability pursuant to section 3 of this rule and for compliance with the requirements of subsection (a).
- (2) List this facility, the NPDES general permit tracking number, and the information contained in this notice in a monthly publication to be distributed by IDEM to all persons who have asked to receive NPDES general permit rule notification. This monthly publication shall be issued by IDEM on the fifteenth day of every month and shall identify all facilities which met both the NOI and newspaper publication requirements in the preceding month. Requests to be placed on the NPDES general permit rule notification list shall be mailed or delivered to the address at 327 IAC 15-3-1. IDEM's monthly publication will also contain the following instructions:

"Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal in writing to the Environmental Law Judge of the Office of Environmental Adjudication for an adjudicatory hearing on the question of whether this facility should operate under this NPDES general permit rule. An appeal must be postmarked no later than fifteen (15) days from the publication date of this public notice. Such a written request for an adjudicatory hearing must:

- (A) state the name and address of the person making the request;
- (B) identify the interest of the person making the request;
- (C) identify any persons represented by the person making the request;
- (D) state with particularity the reasons for the request;
- (E) state with particularity the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing; and
- (F) identify the NPDES general permit rule terms and conditions which, in the judgment of the person making the request, would be appropriate to satisfy the requirements of the law governing this NPDES general permit rule. If any person filing such objections desires any part of this NPDES general permit rule to be stayed pending the outcome of the appeal, a specific request for such must be included in the request identifying those parts of the rule to be stayed.

Any such request shall be mailed or delivered to:

Office of Environmental Adjudication
Indiana Government Center-North
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204".

(d) ***

329 IAC 6.1-6-1 Administrative appeal

An appeal of a determination shall be:

- (1) in accordance with IC 4-21.5-3 and rules of the office of environmental adjudication; and
- (2) made by filing a written petition for review with the office of environmental adjudication in accordance with IC 4-21.5- 3.

A copy of the petition shall be served on the commissioner concurrent with such filing.

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From: [Jeff Gaff](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Cc: [Cory Ritter](#)
Subject: Chloride Limits for the City of Angola
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:12:28 AM
Importance: High

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Good afternoon, The City of Angola has been struggling to comply with our strict Chloride limits in our effluent flows. Chlorides are discharged into a dry ditch with no dilution till it reaches the Pigeon creek approximately 2.8 miles.

The limits set for us to meet for the water quality regulations will cost millions and be a considerable burden with rate increases to our rate payers and our industries, businesses, and that will be a big burden to families for sure. Tertiary treatment thru reverse osmosis would cost millions to put in and cost close to 30% Of our yearly budget to maintain and keep them operating correctly. Not to add the Hazardous waste that comes from the filters after cleaning them weekly to keep the unit operating. One way they thought of getting rid of the waste was deep well injection. Not sure that is a good idea since that is where our drinking water comes from, at least I wouldn't want it in my drinking water. I don't believe making another more harmful hazardous material trying to get Chlorides out of our effluent is going to help anything with water quality. There will be more to come on this issue soon.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Gaff
Wastewater Superintendent
City of Angola
260-665-6806

From: [Kelly Weaver](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Order 25-38 will have negative impacts on Indiana's environment
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:08:40 AM

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Please accept the comments below from Larry Kane, Carmel, IN, which I approve and wish to be considered as my comments regarding my belief that Governor's Executive Order 25-38 will have deleterious impacts on Indiana's environment.

Kelly Weaver

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317-625-4990

Comments on Gov. Braun's Executive Order 25-38, Which Undermines State Environmental Regulations that Are More Stringent than an Applicable Federal Requirement or Limitation or May Be Otherwise Considered Objectionable

Background

In March, 2025, Governor Braun issued Executive Order 25-38 which does the following:

1.
It prohibits the State of Indiana from adopting any new environmental rule that is more stringent than an applicable federal requirement or limit, **unless explicitly required by State law or deemed necessary by the Governor.**
2.
Requires state regulatory agencies that are responsible for environmental regulations to identify state environmental regulations and policies that are (i) **unduly burdensome**, (ii) **significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers**, (iii) **are not supported by current law and the best available science**, or (iv) **do not benefit Indiana's environment.**
3.
Requires **review of any existing state environmental rules that exceed an explicable federal requirement or limitation without explicit direction to do so in Indiana Code.** The review must result in a report concerning all such existing state rules that provides an explanation of why the state rule is more stringent than federal standards, **whether this higher standard is necessary to protect human health or the environment, or otherwise benefits the community being regulated.**

This Executive Order (referred to herein as EO 25-38) embodies concepts that have become known as “no more stringent than federal standards” (referring to state environmental rules), which were sought unsuccessfully from the state legislature by Indiana’s industrial sector for around 30 years until 2017 when HEA 1082 became law after the General Assembly overrode Gov. Pence’s veto. HEA 1082 provides that any proposed environmental rule that imposes a requirement or restriction more stringent than that imposed under federal law shall not become effective until the adjournment of the General Assembly session that follows IDEM’s notice of the proposed rule. Presumably, this delay in the effectiveness of such a proposed rule is to allow the General Assembly an opportunity to enact legislation barring finalization of the proposed rule.

Now, Gov. Braun has issued EO 25-38, which in some respects is more restrictive than HEA 1082. For example, EO 25-38 absolutely bars adoption of a state environmental rule more stringent than federal law (subject to limited exceptions) rather than merely delaying effectiveness of such a rule for several months. It also requires a review of existing environmental rules to assess whether they fall within one of the objectionable criteria listed in paragraph 2, above, or are more stringent than federal law, and, if so, whether such a rule is nonetheless justified.

This policy of “no more stringent than federal standards” may superficially sound attractive at first blush but on closer examination is flawed. First, the “no more stringent than EPA” policy assumes implicitly that the federal government – principally, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -- is omniscient on all forms and issues of needed environmental regulation. In other words, this policy denigrates state environmental agencies as implicitly inferior to EPA in discernment concerning essential environmental regulation.

Second, this policy concept ignores the challenge confronting EPA in setting environmental quality standards that must make sense for the broad variety of physical habitats, climatic conditions, and endemic wildlife that exist over the 50 states. It further ignores the possibility that a particular state may have an area containing unique or at least somewhat unique habitats or unique wildlife forms that require more stringent protection than is provided by EPA standards that do not take such unique habitats or wildlife into account. Similarly, a state may have an area with unusual soils or rock strata that naturally contain minerals or other substances with higher levels of toxicity than occur in the great majority of states which are not addressed by EPA standards.

The point of these hypothetical examples is that EPA, as good as it has been, is not omniscient and cannot be assumed to have considered and adequately addressed all possible environmental quality threats of significance that may exist. This is why the “no more stringent than EPA” policy is short-sighted and, ultimately, represents bad environmental policy.

Moreover, the particular statement of the “no more stringent than EPA” articulated in the Governor’s EO 25-38 is flawed in the ways that it supposedly identifies overly stringent state rules. For example, consider the second bullet which pinpoints a rule that “significantly raises the cost of living” of Hoosiers as suspect as overly stringent. But employing this factor alone disregards the possibility that, while the hypothetical state environmental standard in question may significantly raise the cost of living (setting aside the point that “significantly” is a rather vague term), that higher cost may substantially benefit Indiana’s environment or human health and might be supported by best available

science.

Another example of flawed articulation of the “no more stringent than EPA” policy exists in the third bullet. There, a state rule that is more stringent than a corresponding federal rule is suspect if it is not supported by a state statute that explicitly requires the higher degree of stringency. However, it is certainly possible that such a hypothetical state rule may well be implicitly directed by a state statute though not explicitly directed.

One example illustrates the potential downsides of the policy expressed in EO 25-38. In 2004, the Indiana General Assembly adopted legislation to protect isolated wetlands, which are wetlands without a direct surface connection to “waters of the United States” as defined under the federal Clean Water Act. Pursuant to the state legislation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management adopted rules to supplement the statutory protections. Over the past few years, the General Assembly has been chipping away at the protections provided by state law for isolated wetlands since these protections interfere with development of such lands for other purposes, such as housing developments or commercial or industrial facilities. Since isolated wetlands are not protected at all under federal law and since real estate developers are eager to utilize every available acre of undeveloped land, it can be anticipated that Indiana’s remaining legal protections for isolated wetlands will land on the chopping block under EO 25-38. Such a result would be an environmental tragedy since isolated wetlands provide unique habitats for a number of wildlife species and more than 90% of Indiana’s natural wetlands already have been lost to farmland drainage and development. 327 IAC 17 and the underlying state statute should be maintained or made more protective.

So, I respectfully object to Governor Braun’s Executive Order 25-38 as a flawed concept, as discussed above, and oppose its application to Indiana’s environmental laws, whether those addressing isolated wetlands or other subjects. Instead, I respectfully request that EO 25-38 be withdrawn and a revised policy be more thoughtfully considered by a balanced taskforce of experts representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including environmentalists.

Larry Kane,

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Regarding executive orders:

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All of the proposed executive orders lessen the protections we rely on to keep us safe. Federal regulations are one thing. If our state decides to apply more stringent rules to keep us safe; we want that safety net. Nuclear power and coal have no place in Indiana. They are not welcome. They are proven to be unsafe. Who will pay to reopen a dead coal mine, who will consider working in a toxic coal mine or nuclear plant. As a state we in Indiana were to do better much better at keeping our state safe for us and future generations. The options being proposed by Gov Braun will take Indiana backwards. Please do not approve.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Lusco

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Portage, IN 46368

From: [Lora Marie Williams](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Input on Environmental Regulations from a Hoosier RN
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Please remember that environmental regulations and policies are critical to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of our communities and environment. Given the recent rapid increase in heavy industry coming to Indiana (data centers, semiconductor manufacturing, and more), it is more important than ever to be increasing environmental protections, rather than weakening or eliminating them. Please do the right thing for Hoosiers by protecting our environment. We are counting on you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lora Marie Williams, RN
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From: [John Agostino](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposition to Executive Order EO 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 11:34:31 PM

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Hello,

My name is John Agostino. I live in Indianapolis and am writing to convey my strict disapproval of EO 25-38. Environmental regulations prevent destruction of natural resources and protect citizens from harmful chemicals that may be dumped or otherwise released into their surroundings.

Oftentimes, corporations will release toxic chemicals that have devastating effects on people and/or livestock. A recent example of this has been a wave of PFAS and related chemicals being dumped into waterways that are adjacent to cattle farms and ranches. Unfortunately, after extensive and expensive time in court, these corporations are only given relatively mild punishment, while the victims of their pollution are stuck with increasing medical costs and loss of quality of life.

I have no faith that companies will voluntarily attempt to minimize environmental impact if these regulations are lifted. The same pollution will happen in Indiana and have devastating effects Hoosiers' future health and well being.

Sincerely,
John Agostino

From: [Bernie Paul](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Comments of B Paul Consulting, LLC on Evaluation of Existing Environmental Regulations Pursuant to Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 11:07:22 PM
Attachments: [2029-06-29 comments of B Paul Consulting, LLC.pdf](#)

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Please find attached the comments of B Paul Consulting, LLC on Evaluation of Existing Environmental Regulations Pursuant to Executive Order 25-38.

Let me know if you have any difficulties with the attached pdf file which include my comments.



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June 29, 2025

Submitted by electronic mail to *efficiency@idem.in.gov*

Clint Woods
Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
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RE: EVALUATION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-38

Dear Mr. Woods:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on existing Indiana environmental regulations which may be unduly burdensome, which may significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers, which may not be supported by current law, or which may not benefit Indiana's environment.

I have been a practicing environmental professional in Indiana and have varied positions in the field. I have worked in a local government agency implementing state and federal Clean Air Act regulations. I have served on the corporate environmental staff of a Fortune 500 company, and for the last 15 years, I have been an environmental consultant for large and small companies and farms across the state. In addition, I served on the Indianapolis Air Pollution Control Board, the Indiana Air Pollution Control Board, and the US EPA Clean Air Act Advisory Committee.

My experiences have all been related to the implementation of air quality regulations, so all of my comments are directed towards regulations in Title 326 of the Indiana Administrative Code.

My lengthy and extensive experience has enabled me to identify regulations which no longer support their initial objective of improving air quality or regulations which no longer provide any or marginally small environmental benefit. The primary issue with the regulations identified in this letter is their applicability. Typically, the applicability is too broad, encompassing operations which have minimal environmental impact or which result in requirements that do little or nothing to actually improve air quality.

I've reviewed Title 326 to identify areas of regulatory improvement IDEM should pursue. My comments are provided in order of the regulations as they appear in Title 326.

326 IAC 1-6: Malfunctions and Preventive Maintenance Plans

The malfunction and preventive maintenance rules are an excellent example of an important regulation becoming devalued over time because the applicability provisions of the rule are overly broad and no longer related to the original purpose of the rules.

When the malfunction and preventative maintenance rules were originally enacted more than 40 years ago, Article 1, Section 6 applied to “the owner or operator of any **facility** required to obtain a permit” under IDEM’s permit rules. At that time, the word “facility” had the same definition it has now in 326 IAC 1-2-27 – “any one (1) structure, piece of equipment, installation or operation which emits or has the potential to emit any air contaminant.” Back then, the term “facility” was used in the same way under IDEM air regulations as the term “emission unit” is used now. A facility was typically a single, discrete piece of equipment that emitted air pollutants. A facility was a boiler, a paint booth, a solvent storage tank, or a hammermill. A collection of facilities was a “source”.

The lines weren’t necessarily as clearly drawn as my examples above, but the general idea was that facilities were the individual pieces of equipment and activities at a site which generated emissions. There was some confusion about the meaning of facility and source back then because US EPA sometimes used these terms interchangeably to mean the collection of emitting activities. Thankfully, with the 1990 amendments to the Clean Air Act and the regulations which ensued, regulatory agencies have settled on the terms “emission units” and “source” to define individual activities and collections of activities.

But when the malfunction and preventive maintenance rules in 326 IAC 1-6 rules were originally implemented, a facility generally meant a single piece of equipment.

More importantly, a “facility required to obtain a permit” was a facility which had potential emissions that exceeded the thresholds which required that piece of equipment to have a permit. It’s important to understand that prior to the emergence of permits which applied to an entire source (eg., a factory), that factory might have several permits for each of its varied pieces of equipment that had emissions which exceeded the IDEM permitting thresholds. For example, a factory with three boilers, raw material receiving operations, raw material storage facilities, material processing operations, and finished product handling operations might have several permits – even dozens of permits – all of which may have been issued at different times and had different expiration dates.

Permits were for facilities which typically had potential emissions greater than 25 tons per year of criteria pollutants. Registrations were for facilities which had potential emissions less than 25 tons per year. It was not unheard of for a factory to obtain both permits and registrations for the operations at the factory.

It’s with this context that the applicability of 326 IAC 1-6 should be viewed. It was meant to apply to equipment capable of emitting larger quantities of pollutants. It was meant for coal-fired boilers and

oil-fired boilers. It was meant for individual, large operations. Emission units which had lower potential emissions (less than 25 tons per year) were not subject to the malfunction and preventive maintenance requirements because these lower quantities of emissions were deemed less important to the overall regulatory scheme.

When the trend towards issuing a factory a single operating permit, spurred on by a desire to have a simpler permitting program and the impending Title V permit program, this key aspect of the applicability of 326 IAC 1-6 was overlooked or not appropriately addressed. IDEM began applying the rule to entire plant sites which required a permit or a registration rather than individual equipment or operations which had potential emissions greater than 25 tons per year.

This error was codified in 2016 when 326 IAC 1-6 was amended to apply to any source required to obtain a permit under 326 IAC 2-5.1 (registrations and construction permits) or 326 IAC 2-6.1 (minor source operating permits). The error was then magnified recently when the applicability was expanded to include sources required to obtain Title V permits and FESOPs.

As currently written, the malfunction and preventive maintenance rules can apply to small natural gas fired space heaters or water heaters and hundreds of different types of low emitting equipment and activities which may be subject to emission control requirements in IDEM's rules. This is a far cry from the original applicability of the rule intended to impose malfunction and preventive maintenance requirements on equipment capable of emitting large quantities of emissions. It made sense in 1980 for the operator of a coal-fired boiler to report malfunctions and to have preventive maintenance plans. It does not make sense in 2025 to have regulatory requirements that call for preventive maintenance plans for small gas-fired equipment, parts washers, or grain storage bins.

It's even more egregious that pursuant to 326 IAC 1-6-6 that malfunction emission reduction plans must be submitted to IDEM for any emission unit at the facility. For most operations, this is not a beneficial exercise because the vast majority of emission units at a facility do not have emissions that merit the amount of effort necessary to develop a malfunction emission reduction plan. Furthermore, it is unlikely if IDEM staff have the familiarity with the source's operations to judge the quality of the malfunction emission reduction plan.

The applicability provisions of 326 IAC 1-6 must be amended so that malfunction and preventive maintenance regulations apply only to larger sources of emissions. A good starting point would be the original applicability of those rules – equipment with potential emissions greater than 25 tons per year.

326 IAC 6-2: Emission Limits for Sources of Indirect Heating

326 IAC 6-2 suffers from the exact same problem as the malfunction and preventive maintenance rules in 326 IAC 1-6. The applicability of the rule has expanded as the result of erroneous interpretations of the rules.

Like 326 IAC 1-6, Rule 6-2 originally only applied to combustion units which needed a permit – i.e., had potential emissions greater than 25 tons per year. Sometime, probably in the last 20 years, IDEM began interpreting the rule as applying to any combustion unit at a source that required a permit. Unlike 326 IAC 1-6, Rule 6-2 was never amended to fit the interpretations IDEM had adopted. Rule 6-2-1(d) still says that it applies to facilities receiving permits to construct. When this rule was originally adopted in the early 1980s, facilities receiving permits to construct were individual combustion units that had potential emissions greater than 25 tons per year.

As noted, the rule has never changed, but now IDEM interprets it to apply to any indirect combustion unit at a permitted source. This means it establishes particulate matter emission limits for natural gas boilers, natural gas water heaters, and small natural gas space heaters – none of which have significant potential emissions of particulate matter.

Even worse, the applicability of this rule results in no real environmental benefit. It does not drive any emission reduction because natural gas units can comply with this rule simply by burning natural gas.

Having to comply with a rule that results in no emission reductions is not even the worst aspect of this rule. Because these units are subject to the PM emission limits in Rule 6-2-4, they become subject to the malfunction and preventive maintenance requirements already described. This creates a new layer of paperwork burdens on facilities that are completely unnecessary and also result in no environmental benefit.

Finally, Rule 6-2-4 is not easy to implement. It requires a constant accounting of the total heat input capacity of indirect fired combustion units and when the units were installed to determine the applicable PM emission limits as units are added to the site. The rule says nothing about how to deal with the limits as units are removed from the site. This accounting morass makes air permitting more complex than it needs to be since consultants and IDEM permit reviewers have to parse through what may be hundreds of small emission units to establish the correct emission limit for all the different boilers and heaters at a site. I can honestly say that over the last 20 years, this has been the most frustrating exercise I experience when helping clients obtain permits because it is complicated and results in nothing other than paperwork requirements for the permit holders.

326 IAC 6-3: Particulate Matter Emission Limits for Manufacturing Processes

This is another regulation which rarely requires application of emission controls to reduce particulate matter emissions to meet the emissions limits established under this rule. It is helpful this rule includes an applicability threshold (0.551 lb/hr) and it is helpful this rule includes explicit exemptions for certain types of operations.

However, the rule could be further improved. It is supposed to apply to “manufacturing processes”. It has been interpreted to apply to any type of processing, not just manufacturing processes. Given the minimal environmental benefits achieved by this rule, IDEM could clarify the rule to apply to specific manufacturing processes it believes actually benefit from applicability of the rule.

326 IAC 6-5: Fugitive Particulate Matter Emission Limitations

This rule requires facilities with potential fugitive particulate matter emissions greater than 25 tons per year to develop a fugitive dust control plan. Fugitive dust control plans per se are reasonable to require from large sources of fugitive dust.

The problem with the applicability of this rule is that IDEM calculates fugitive dust emissions from vehicle traffic using extremely conservative assumptions – specifically for the “silt content” of the roads on which the industrial traffic moves. Because of IDEM’s extremely conservative assumptions, I have had a client which is nothing more than a warehouse with truck traffic on paved roads which was required to obtain a Minor Source Operating permit which includes a fugitive dust control plan. This does not seem to be the type of facility which should be regulated under these rules. IDEM should revisit how it calculates fugitive PM emissions from truck traffic at commercial and industrial sites.

326 IAC 8: Volatile Organic Compound Rules

For the most part, the VOC rules in 326 IAC 8 appear to be reasonable and practically result in emission reductions. There are some changes to these rules which could be made to improve the efficiency of these rules.

First, Rule 8-3 should not apply to nearly all cleaning operations which use a material containing carbon to clean an item or article. Facilities with low emissions, for example, less than 15 lb/day of VOC emissions, should be exempt from the rule. Cleaning operations which use cleaning solutions which are mostly water but contain small amounts of carbon-containing chemicals should also be exempt. The rule only exempts cleaning solutions containing less than 1% VOC content – this could be raised to something higher – 5% or 10% - without appreciably increasing VOC emissions.

Mr. Clint Woods

June 29, 2025

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Second, if the operations regulated under an Article 8 rule are subject to US EPA NESHAP regulations in 40 CFR 63, there should be an option in the Article 8 rule which allows the facility to comply with the Part 63 NESHAP rule in lieu of the Article 8 rule. In almost all cases, the Part 63 NESHAP rules are more stringent than the Article 8 rules. It would simplify compliance for facilities if they could comply with one set of rules that achieves the same or better emission reductions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input. If you need any additional information, please contact me at (317) 344-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B Paul". The "B" is large and stylized, and "Paul" is written in a cursive script.

Bernie Paul

President, B Paul Consulting, LLC

From: [Debra Ellis](#)
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Dear Representatives,

I am writing as a concerned resident who recently learned that environmental regulations of our water supply could be reduced at a time when we need more stringent regulations to protect our water. Given the rapid development that is underway in our state, especially here in Tippecanoe County, we need to protect our drinking water, our watershed, and our very limited remaining wetlands. Only 3.5% of surface area remains of our important wetlands across the entire state.

We can only be as healthy as our water supply; we drink it, we bathe in it, we wash our clothing and dishes in it, we swim in it, and many of us grow summer gardens with it.

Indiana's water supply is already under threat due to heavy farm chemical use and run off, as well as toxic waste from poorly regulated industry. Indiana has a high rate of cancer and leukemia clusters, especially among children. We need to do more, not less, to protect our water supply and overall environment.

We also need to protect water and waterways for the wildlife we have remaining, for their sake, and for our enjoyment.

We need a cleaner environment, not a dirtier one, to attract people and businesses to our state. Environmental degradation is one of the biggest turnoffs sighted by individuals for NOT wanting to live in Indiana. People want to live and recreate in clean environments. We don't smog our vehicles, we turn a blind eye to industrial toxic waste, crop dusting is still legal and occurs next to family housing, and we allow heavy truck traffic to pass through neighborhoods and parks. We need to clean up our act as it is, not make our environment less appealing and our water less safe.

I urge my state legislators and all agencies involved in water oversight to improve water quality by imposing stricter monitoring and testing, and by replacing infrastructure as needed with proper non-toxic materials, in advance of contaminants entering water systems.

I respectfully request that you do all that you can to improve the quality of our water and overall environment by exercising the strictest of standards and regulations for the betterment of all; including your families.

Retain my trust by protecting this important public good that we cannot live without.

Thank you for your time.
Debra Ellis
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From: [Mike Ficarra](#)
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Subject: The Negligent Inefficiency of GUTTING Air and Water Regulations
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Governor Braun recently conveyed his plans to repeal, replace, and otherwise "streamline" Indiana laws that protect our water and air beyond that which is required by the federal government. I am writing to express, in the strongest possible terms, what an awful idea this is.

- Inefficient for Business

Businesses can take months or years to become in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Repealing the laws won't meaningfully enable businesses, who are already in compliance.

- Bad for Farmers and Families

The backbone of our Hoosier economy, our farmers, rely on clean water and air to produce their crops. Those of us with young families, like myself, want to know our children are safe under the rain and outside our homes. If we gut regulations that protect ALL of us like clean air and water, it puts us all at risk.

- Communist Chinese Tactics

Indiana doesn't want to be China! We don't want to be defined by rivers running thick with industrial run-off, unable to see the sky through thick smog and smoke from factories. Throwing away our citizen's health and dignity so that we can make widgets for someone else isn't what this country was built on. Does Governor Braun want to be known for turning our great state into a shithole 3rd world country look-alike like China?

Embarrassed I have to write this e-mail...

Mike Ficarra
Hoosier, Father, Voter

From: [James Todd](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to oppose Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38. Specifically, I believe that the language used in the order is too subjective and will be abused by corporations and industrialists to further degrade our natural environment and public lands. I am concerned in particular for what little is left of our naturally occurring isolated wetlands, our rivers and stream, and our forests.

Therefore I respectfully object to Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38 as a flawed concept, and oppose its application to Indiana's environmental laws, whether those addressing isolated wetlands or other subjects. Instead, I respectfully request that EO 25-38 be withdrawn and a revised policy be more thoughtfully considered by a balanced taskforce of experts representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including environmentalists.

Respectfully submitted,

James Todd
Indianapolis, IN

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As IDEM reviews its environmental regulations and policies to determine whether they are “overly burdensome”, it should also carefully consider whether the deletion of regulations and policies will be overburdensome to the individuals and communities that IDEM is supposed to protect not just today, but for the next generations that will bear the cost of allowing our environment to be degraded through lax regulation.

On March 12, the Environmental Protection Agency announced it was [rolling back dozens of environmental regulations](#) in order to "give power back to states to make their own decisions." The administration has also taken an axe to federal agencies taxed with making scientific analyses and enforcement that form the backbone for protecting our environment.

If the federal government gets rid of environmental laws or no longer enforces them, it becomes especially important for IDEM and the State of Indiana to protect and preserve our environment and health. No one wants to go back to the bad old days. Look at all the Superfund sites and the health issues of people forced to breathe polluted air and drink polluted water. That’s not good for business either.

Yours,

Lani Ethridge

Evansville, Indiana 47720

From: [Heidi Schaefer](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Risk of rolling back IN's environmental protection
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 3:24:32 PM

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Pollution leads to real, cistly health problems (asthma, respiratory illnesses &developmental issues). A healthy environment means healthy Hoosiers & less cost down the road. Please do not roll back the environmental regulations that are in place right now to protect our children.

From: [Karl Koett](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing EO 25-38
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I am writing to ask State agencies to continue environmental regulations, including those that are stronger than the federal minimum. Because of Indiana's agriculture and industrial economy these stronger regulations are required to keep our air and water quality standards at healthy levels. Especially with a shift from Federal to State rights Indiana must continue to put the health of its citizens first. Rolling back environmental regulations risks the health of Hoosiers.

I am an Indiana resident and I care about the health of Hoosiers and our environment.

Thank you,

Karl Koett

From: [MIKE CONQUEST](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Orders 25-38, 25-49 & 25-50
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To: IDEM

From: Michael Conquest
1511 W. 94th Avenue
Crown Point, IN 46307
Email: conquest1511@comcast.net

Dear IDEM,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns about Executive Orders 25-38, 25-49, and 25-50 and the very realistic probability that these Executive Orders will end up degrading current environmental regulations in Indiana. In Executive Order 25-38, Governor Braun orders that Indiana "shall not adopt any new environmental rules, regulations, or programs that are more stringent than applicable federal requirements." He further orders that "any environmental rules or regulations currently in place in the State of Indiana that exceed an applicable federal requirement or limitation without explicit direction to do so In Indiana Code must be reviewed." According to an article in the Indiana Economic Digest dated June 22, 2025, the current Federal Administration "in March implemented a new policy allowing power plants and manufacturers to request an exemption from Biden-era clean air rules, including regulations limiting air pollution mercury, arsenic and benzene." I ask you, does this not open the door for fewer limitations and less regulation leading more air pollution? The article goes on to say, "An Indiana coal plant has already received an exemption, and four other industrial plants have requested to be excused from clean-air rules, including Gary Works (U.S. Steel/Nippon Steel), according to the Environmental Integrity Project. Indiana ranks second in the nation for the amount of toxic chemicals released per square mile, according to the EPA. The state is home to the most steel mills in the nation and has the eight-most manufacturing facilities."

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In Executive Order 25-50, the Governor states that since 2007 the State of Indiana has reduced carbon dioxide emissions by more than 30 percent. I can remember as a child in the 1950's and 1960's, we lived in an older house in Crown Point that did not have air conditioning. During the summer months my mother would open the windows and place a box fan on the windowsill and lean it against the screen to attempt to cool the house a bit. There were hot summer days when the air was so "smokey" and smelly from the steel mills in Gary that she chose to close the windows and deal with the house heating up rather than the foul air that was upon us. We haven't seen those days in Crown Point for several years. So, yes, air quality has improved. However, I realize that while we may have improved, when I read things such as shown below, we still have a very long way to go.:

Indiana having one of the highest rates of COPD in the United States and significant higher rate of lung cancer than the U. S. ratio (CDC 2018)

Indianapolis area having some of the worst quality air for ozone and particle pollution (American Lung Association - Report for year 2024)

Indiana named the third most polluted state, behind Nevada and Louisiana and named the worst state for industrial toxins (US News & World Report - Best States 2025)

I am not an anti-business or anti-build person. I sit on the City of Crown Point Planning Commission. I am known as a pro-growth, pro-build Commissioner. However, I believe it is important growth is done in a way that does not create problems for the community or its citizens. Responsible growth should not create health issues, degrade the environment, or add to pollution problems. It would seem that the President and the Governor are more interested in corporate profits than the lives and health of our citizens, our wildlife and our environment. I believe the Government should work with businesses and developers to help them through the regulatory process. Indiana should be working with businesses and developer to lower pollution, not allow them to pollute more. Yes, there are undoubtedly times

when there needs to be a little negotiated "give and take", but not at the detriment to the environment or our citizens. I say this with all due respect to IDEM. The IDEM website states "Protecting Hoosiers and Our Environment". Should the President and the Governor succeed downgrading and limiting environmental rules and regulations they will have made a total mockery out of "Protecting Hoosiers and Our Environment". It almost seems as if there are those who would like to that saying to become "Profits Over Hoosier Health". Please ... I implore you, we cannot allow that to happen. The slippery slope has begun. It needs to be stopped and turned around.

Lastly, I would challenge anyone who supports what the President and the Governor are trying to do to move to the northern sections of Gary or East Chicago, may be even Whiting, for a couple of months in the winter and then again for a couple of months in the summer. Eat fish caught in the west branch of the Little Calumet River and/or the Grand Calumet River. I think that might just change their mind about how we should regulate environmental issues.

Thank you for allowing me to state my views on the environment and the Executive orders. I wish IDEM the best.

Regards,

Michael Conquest

Please note: I believe that I accidentally sent an unfinished version of this email last night. If I did, please disregard that version. This is my finished and final version.

From: [DONNA BAKER](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Strengthening Indiana's environmental regulations
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 1:56:19 PM

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Please do not weaken, remove or in any way undermine Indiana's environmental regulations. If anything, they need to be strengthened.

There are so many children in Indiana and they need a healthy place to grow up and a place with food, farm land, clean water, clean air in order to survive in the future.

It's just not smart to worsen conditions for humans in the future by degrading the environment in any way.

Do you have any grandchildren?

Thank you,
Donna Baker

From: [Kelsie Newberry](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Input on Environmental Regulations
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 1:44:11 PM

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Environmental regulations and policies are critical to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of our communities and environment. Given the recent rapid increase in heavy industry coming to Indiana (data centers, semiconductor manufacturing, and more), it is more important than ever to be increasing environmental protections, rather than weakening or eliminating them.

Please keep our families safe!

Thank you,

Kelsie & Josh Newberry

West Lafayette, IN residents

From: [Sara Lyday](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 11:52:52 AM

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Governor Braun & IDEM Officials--

A major reason I still live in Indiana and find pride in calling it home is because of the access and protections given to our parks, trails, bike paths and mainly waterways. I volunteer time and money to steward these places beyond my taxpayer dollars, but the policies are in your hands. Which is why I am reaching out to urge you to rescind Executive Order 25-38. Our beautiful state's unique water resources are already facing significant problems, pollution, no swim warnings and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will increase the risks they face which will be far more painful and expensive to remedy in the future. I am urging you to please take proactive action and turn down this order, let us volunteers and stewards of these natural resources continue to care for and restore the natural gifts our wonderful state has been blessed with in a more protected environment. Show us that you care about our home environment too.

Sincerely,
Sara Lyday

From: [DONALD ZIMMERMAN](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 11:26:33 AM

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Sir:

Several things that we need besides food and shelter, are clean air and clean water. Anything that state regulations can do to help clean up the air and water over and above federal regulations will be welcomed by all your inhabitants. I happen to be one of them. So I vote against EO 25-38.

Best regards,
Donald R Zimmerman
5002 McCray St
Indianapolis, IN 46224

From: [Brian Long](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 11:04:49 AM

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Good afternoon,

I am a Marion county resident, and am extremely concerned regarding EO 25-38.

This order ties the hands of our state's experts and prevents Indiana from addressing our own unique environmental challenges. When it comes to health and safety, I believe federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.

This EO claims Indiana strives for responsible environmental protection and stewardship. To make this a true statement, our state must have the freedom and flexibility to go beyond federal standards for environmental protections.

Thank you,

Brian Long
10125 Alexia Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46236
941-773-3261

From: [Caitlin Padula](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental laws
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 10:55:58 AM

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Indiana is blessed to have a national park and multiple state parks, access to Lake Michigan and beautiful rivers. People live here because they appreciate those things and they bring tourism dollars to our state.

We must protect Lake Michigan - relaxing pollution laws to federal standards is a mistake that our children will pay for. You can't be pro life if you're not supporting healthy life. There is no such thing as "unduly burdensome" when we are talking about regulations that pollute our air and water. EO 25-38 is a misguided move that will, necessarily, result in lower health outcomes. Our state is already low on these metrics - why not take this opportunity to decrease childhood disease and mortality?

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michelle Bandor](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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We as a state Must Not roll back environmental protections!!

This summer I've experienced asthma like symptoms that I suspect are environmentally related, not only from pollution in the air locally but the wildfires elsewhere on the continent.

It is not worth it on any level to allow our air and water quality to decline. A sick and ill Indiana is far more costly than regulations.

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From: [Hayley Trefun](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Indiana has some of the most polluted waterways in the United States. We need to have MORE regulations, not fewer. Saving time/money for businesses should NOT be the priority at the price of our health and environment.

Regards,

Hayley Trefun
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From: [D. Clay Purswell](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Please Rescind Executive Order 25-38
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Dear IDEM Officials, Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

I recently moved from Texas and the most Dissapointing thing about Indiana is the quality of its water. It's bad to swim in and can't eat the fish safely in most places.

Please don't make it worse!!

Thank you

Clay Purswell

From: [Sarah King](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: EO 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 8:20:51 AM

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Hello,

I am an Indiana resident, and I am writing to ask that the governor does not go forward with his plans to roll back environmental regulations in our state.

I am 26 years old, and already in my life, I have felt changes to the climate, and seen increasingly severe winters and summers, and honestly one of the major factors impacting things like birth rate in my generation is that we are terrified of what the future world looks like for our children.

Even in the here and now, roll backs would affect crucial Indiana industries, like agriculture, which require clean water, and a lowering of regulations on our factories could absolutely put farmers at risk. Farmers are the Everyman, the traditional Indiana family, you claim to represent, please keep all current regulations, if not strengthen them, to protect Indiana residents.

At current, I and many others love this state, but do not feel safe or represented, and feel we need to move reluctantly. I am calling on you to listen to those you represent and protect our great state and our planet.

Thanks,

Sarah Duncan

From: [Erica Sponberg](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Please Rescind Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 8:11:40 AM

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Thank you,

Erica Sponberg

7419 Harbour PT
Indianapolis, IN
46240

From: [Don and Kim Brown](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Clean Air and Water
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 7:02:28 AM

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Kim Briwn
6633 W Canal Pointe Lane
Fort Wayne, IN
June 29, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and resident of Indiana to strongly urge decision-makers and regulatory bodies to increase protections and oversight of our public water supply—not reduce them.

Water is a fundamental human need and right. It is essential not only for the health and well-being of our families but also for the strength of our communities, economy, and environment. Weakening water regulations puts all of this at risk.

Across the country, we have seen the consequences of lax oversight: contamination, illness, ecosystem degradation, and the erosion of public trust. Indiana cannot afford to follow that path. Instead, we should be leading with policies that prioritize clean, safe, and accessible drinking water for all Hoosiers—now and for future generations. I moved to Indiana 30 years ago. Every year the newspaper reports the air quality in Fort Wayne. Every year we receive a grade of “F”. Reducing standards is not going to improve our air quality.

I urge our state legislators and regulatory agencies to strengthen water quality standards, enforce stricter monitoring of pollutants, and invest in aging infrastructure to prevent contamination. We need transparency, accountability, and public involvement in decisions that affect our most vital resource.

Please stand on the side of health, science, and the long-term public interest by supporting stronger—not weaker—regulations for Indiana’s public water supply.

Sincerely, Kim Brown
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara Smith](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Any changes that are allowed that degrade our natural resources will take years or longer to recover from and will potentially irreversibly harm or destroy pristine areas and/or threatened species. Be more forward thinking and prioritize protection and not monetization.

Barbara Smith
11571 Woods Bay Ln
Indianapolis IN 46236

From: [MIKE CONQUEST](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Orders 25-38, 25-49 & 25-50
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To: IDEM

From: Michael Conquest

1511 W. 94th Avenue

Crown Point, IN 46307

Email: conquest1511@comcast.net

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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 12:45:31 AM

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I am a resident of Columbia City, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Thank you,
Michael

From: [Zach Phillips](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Reducing Environmental Regulations
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 11:48:10 PM

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Do not roll back or reduce any environmental regulations in Indiana.

My name is Zach Phillips and I live at 2079 Kerns Court, Carmel, IN 46280.

Just this past week the Marion County Health Department had to ban swimming at the Eagle Creek Park Beach because of water quality issues, specifically high levels of E.

Coli. <https://www.wishtv.com/news/i-team-8/eagle-creek-park-beach-closed-due-to-high-e-coli-levels/>

Indiana consistently ranks as having the most polluted waterways and worst air quality in the nation. <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/natural-environment>

Historically, the industries that would benefit from rolling back regulations have a very poor track record of “regulating” themselves. Indiana has more than a dozen Superfund sites where these industries failed to regulate themselves and ruined our state’s environment. It’s very easy to find this data with a simple Google search because the EPA website has a page dedicated to all the Indiana Superfund sites: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment/superfund-sites-reuse-indiana>

If anything, we should be enforcing our current rules as aggressively as ICE is going after immigrants and increasing the fines for violations to a point that the industries in question are incentivized to not pollute.

Zach Phillips
317-502-2664

From: [Alex Rodriguez](#)
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Please don't roll back environmental protections. You have fucked Hoosier enough with the bullshit on the highways. Don't fuck us even more.

From: [Jonathan Solomon](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 10:46:29 PM

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I am active duty military, i recently felt like i won the lottery when i got camp Atterbury, finally able to come home after 16 years in the army. I want Indiana to stay a place worth coming to and thats done by fighting for clean air and clean water. We cant let business and outside influence destroy what matters most to hoosiers and their kids.

From: [Don Bievenour](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Cc: [Ginger Bievenour](#); [Don Bievenour](#); [Becky Cash](#); [Office of Senator J.D. Ford](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 10:36:08 PM

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The Governor is advancing [Executive Order 25-38](#), which seeks to eliminate any environmental regulation that exceeds federally mandated minimum protections for air and water quality and quantity. Indiana has unique water resources that are intimately tied to our economy, livelihoods, quality of life, health, and more. Minimum federal regulations do not adequately protect these resources, which are already under significant pressure.

We are concerned that direction of our state and national environmental protection is being degraded by short sighted legislation and politicians. The environment to include water and air quality, is being threatened and it is time for our governing agencies to acknowledge this and show some backbone.

Ginger & Don Bievenour
10320 Buttonwood Circle
Zionsville 46077

From: [Leslie](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Please Rescind Executive Order 25-38
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 9:43:00 PM

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Dear IDEM Officials,

I urge you prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite.

The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

Abundant clean and unpolluted water is the foundation of a strong, vibrant economy. Scarce and polluted water resources will lead to decline.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leslie Webb
5113 Hummingbird Cir, Carmel 46033
317-440-4017

From: [Ashlynn Stout](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38 Concern
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Best,
Ashlynn Stout

From: [Greg Bright](#)
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Indiana has always made decisions about its own water quality using the best information available from its own water quality experts. No state or federal government had eliminated phosphorus from detergents until Indiana did it in the 1960s to protect our lakes. Let's continue to take charge of our own valuable resources.

Greg Bright
IDEM (retired)

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If Governor Braun does not rescind Executive Order 25-38, please do not eliminate and regulations that protect Hoosiers' health, safety, and our unique water and other natural resources that are already under significant pressure. Limiting the protection of such resources to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. Instead of eliminating regulations, please work to protect our natural resources.

Ed Ramthun

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This is for real?

I thought it was fake news but if this for real. We got to start raising the red flags and waving them... What has happened to humanity? Love for Mother Nature? Fuck this is a scary world we have help facilitate.

Sent from my iPhone

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I am a resident of Monticello, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. **This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic *benefits* of a healthy environment.** Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs. This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come. And since Indiana is a low-wage state where hundreds of thousands are in medicare/medicaid, and because medicare/medicaid was voted to be cut by 70% starting next year, this is going to be an extremely costly decision for taxpayers and hospitals who will have to pick up this cost.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Especially with the tax breaks being given to data centers, which are extremely wasteful and harmful for the environment. Now is not the time to be rolling back environmental standards. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Emma Carbaugh

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Good afternoon,

I live near Elkhart, Indiana and have family that has lived in the town for decades. One of the most prominent features of the town are the railyards that are known for their heavy train traffic, which have also been under environmental protections for clean drinking water due to spills from the rail yards, which can include heavy metals from coal ash and other pollutants. These spills leaks have been frequent enough that for most bodies of water in the town there are signs posted to share that these areas are under environmental protection.

If you are concerned about the well-being of children and trying to improve health for the state so that people want to work here, creating a rule that would leave Indiana open to becoming like Flint, Michigan if the federal governemnt decides that the EPA should not concern itself with water ways that impede business interests (I believe for Michigan, the company was Coca-Cola), perhaps is not a winning recipe for attracting business either. We already are known for having poor health care and education. Do you really think private industry and the "better paying jobs" will come to a state where people will likely need more time off due to long-term illnesses, such as cancer, impaired cognitive development and increased rate of intellectual disabilities, autoimmune disorders, and so on and so on.

I work in community mental health care as a therapist and work with people that are trying to leave poverty. Bringing better job opportunities is not a bad thing, but allowing companies to be lazy and police themselves for any potential wrong-doing would be an egregious error. Flint is still in trouble since the local body of water had been initially switched and created the lead contamination issues; there are still issues in the community in Ohio where the trains derailed and led to serious environmental consequences that killed off fish and wildlife and could easily have seeped into the groundwater. Are you basically saying that if we allow for chemical dumping in your backyard, your rivers and lakes, your air that you are fine with this? Are you looking at states like Louisiana that doesn't like attention to a part of the state that is called "cancer alley?" Or how about around the mid-2000s when there were reports in Houston, Texas about increased rates of cancer found near local refineries?

Are you going to tell local hunters that hunt to offset the higher cost of groceries that deer and turkeys dying off is okay because "we brought in a factory that has a terrible track record at actually cleaning up after itself, but it's okay because they will pay everyone without a college degree fifteen dollars an hour to put screws into phones?"

Do not sacrifice our waters, lands, and air force in the vain hope that someone wants to come to Indiana only if we keep selling ourselves short. This feels more like telling other people without we have few, if any, standards and are willing to prostitute ourselves to any business that reassures us that they care and will do everything in their power to respect us, while we are left cleaning up their messes and trying to tell ourselves "oh, they didn't mean to do this. It will be better next time. Surely they won't keep this up." If you believe that, there is a world of domestic violence victims out there that would love to invite you to their club.

Please, don't do this.

Kyle McLain

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Following are my comments on Executive Order 25-38 and examples of potential negative impacts it may have on Indiana's environment. A specific example is given regarding state regulation of isolated wetlands.

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Retired Environmental Attorney

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Comment on Gov. Braun's Executive Order 25-38, Which Undermines State Environmental Regulations that Are More Stringent than an Applicable Federal Requirement or Limitation

Background

In March, 2025, Governor Braun issued Executive Order 25-38 which does the following:

1. It prohibits the State of Indiana from adopting any new environmental rule that is more stringent than an applicable federal requirement or limit, **unless explicitly required by State law or deemed necessary by the Governor.**
2. Requires state regulatory agencies that are responsible for environmental regulations to identify state environmental regulations and policies that are (i) **unduly burdensome**, (ii) **significantly raise the cost of living for Hoosiers**, (iii) **are not supported by current law and the best available science**, or (iv) **do not benefit Indiana's environment.**
3. Requires **review of any existing state environmental rules that exceed an explicable federal requirement or limitation without explicit direction to do so in Indiana Code.** The review must result in a report concerning all such existing state rules that provides an explanation of why the state rule is more stringent than federal standards, **whether this higher standard is necessary to protect human health or the environment, or otherwise benefits the community being regulated.**

This Executive Order (referred to herein as EO 25-38) embodies concepts that have

become known as “no more stringent than federal standards” (referring to state environmental rules), which were sought unsuccessfully from the state legislature by Indiana’s industrial sector for around 30 years until 2017 when HEA 1082 became law after the General Assembly overrode Gov. Pence’s veto. HEA 1082 provides that any proposed environmental rule that imposes a requirement or restriction more stringent than that imposed under federal law shall not become effective until the adjournment of the General Assembly session that follows IDEM’s notice of the proposed rule. Presumably, this delay in the effectiveness of such a proposed rule is to allow the General Assembly an opportunity to enact legislation barring finalization of the proposed rule.

Now, Gov. Braun has issued EO 25-38, which in some respects is more restrictive than HEA 1082. For example, EO 25-83 absolutely bars adoption of a state environmental rule more stringent than federal law (subject to limited exceptions) rather than merely delaying effectiveness of such a rule for several months. It also requires a review of existing environmental rules to assess whether they fall within one of the objectionable criteria listed in paragraph 2, above, or are more stringent than federal law, and, if so, whether such a rule is nonetheless justified.

This policy of “no more stringent than federal standards” may superficially sound attractive at first blush but on closer examination is flawed. First, the “no more stringent than EPA” policy assumes implicitly that the federal government – principally, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -- is omniscient on all forms and issues of needed environmental regulation. In other words, this policy denigrates state environmental agencies as implicitly inferior to EPA in discernment concerning essential environmental regulation.

Second, this policy concept ignores the challenge confronting EPA in setting environmental quality standards that must make sense for the broad variety of physical habitats, climatic conditions, and endemic wildlife that exist over the 50 states. It further ignores the possibility that a particular state may have an area containing unique or at least somewhat unique habitats or unique wildlife forms that require more stringent protection than is provided by EPA standards that do not take such unique habitats or wildlife into account. Similarly, a state may have an area with unusual soils or rock strata that naturally contain minerals or other substances with higher levels of toxicity than occur in the great majority of states which are not addressed by EPA standards.

The point of these hypothetical examples is that EPA, as good as it has been, is not omniscient and cannot be assumed to have considered and adequately addressed all possible environmental quality threats of significance that may exist. This is why the “no more stringent than EPA” policy is short-sighted and, ultimately, represents bad environmental policy.

Moreover, the particular statement of the “no more stringent than EPA” articulated in the

Governor's EO 25-38 is flawed in the ways that it supposedly identifies overly stringent state rules. For example, consider Paragraph 2, above, which states that a rule that "significantly raises the cost of living" of Hoosiers is suspect as overly stringent. But employing this factor alone disregards the possibility that, while the hypothetical state environmental standard in question may significantly raise the cost of living (setting aside the point that "significantly" is a rather vague term), that higher cost may substantially benefit Indiana's environment or human health and might be supported by best available science.

Another instance of flawed articulation of the "no more stringent than EPA" policy exists in Paragraph 3. There, a state rule that is more stringent than a corresponding federal rule is suspect if it is not supported by a state statute that explicitly requires the higher degree of stringency. However, it is certainly possible that such a hypothetical state rule may well be implicitly directed by a state statute though not explicitly directed.

One example illustrates the potential downsides of the policy expressed in EO 25-38. In 2004, the Indiana General Assembly adopted legislation to protect isolated wetlands, which are wetlands without a direct surface connection to "waters of the United States" as defined under the federal Clean Water Act. Pursuant to the state legislation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management adopted rules to supplement the statutory protections. Over the past few years, the General Assembly has been chipping away at the protections provided by state law for isolated wetlands since these protections interfere with development of such lands for other purposes, such as housing developments or commercial or industrial facilities. Since isolated wetlands are not protected at all under federal law and since real estate developers are eager to utilize every available acre of undeveloped land, it can be anticipated that Indiana's remaining legal protections for isolated wetlands will land on the chopping block under EO 25-38. Such a result would be an environmental tragedy since isolated wetlands provide unique habitats for a number of wildlife species and more than 90% of Indiana's natural wetlands already have been lost to farmland drainage and development. 327 IAC 17 and the underlying state statute should be maintained or made more protective.

So, I respectfully object to Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38 as a flawed concept, as discussed above, and oppose its application to Indiana's environmental laws, whether those addressing isolated wetlands or other subjects. Instead, I respectfully request that EO 25-38 be withdrawn and a revised policy be more thoughtfully considered by a balanced taskforce of experts representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including environmentalists.

Thank you,

Larry Kane

Carmel, IN.

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Good morning,

I am an Indiana resident for most of my life. Our environmental protections are something that I fight for daily and yet we can visibly see the diminishing quality of our waterways, wetlands, and woodlands. I run a new initiative encouraging arts, fishers, and the public to celebrate our waters which already struggle to maintain some native species. I strongly urge that we maintain and continue to increase our environmental protections not reduce them. I personally spend one day a week walking the rivers and cleaning trash, checking on wildlife, and dream of passing a healthy state to my grandchildren. The reduction of protections will only continue to harm the land and water in effect making Indiana into a state more in line with New Jersey than the Midwest.

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Good morning,

I am writing this to oppose loosening current environmental regulations in Indiana which EO 25-38 would do.

The environmental regulations in Indiana should be strengthened to protect all Hoosiers. As it is now, Indiana is always on the list of being one of the states at the bottom as far as air and water quality is concerned. My neighborhood will be impacted by the SK Hynix semiconductor chip advanced packaging plant that is expected to open in 2028. It's a known polluter and although the economic benefits will be good, will it end up being an environmental disaster for the health of neighboring communities? This could easily happen with loosened environmental regulations.

Please do not loosen current regulations, our health should be the most important factor in this decision.

Sincerely,
Karen Atallah
West Lafayette, IN

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From: [Susan Catterall](#)
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My name is Susan Catterall. I live in Steuben County, Indiana. We are the land of 101+ lakes. We have been geologically blessed with an abundance of water. It is what Steuben County is known for. The tourism dollars are vitally important to our county. Steuben County triples in size in the summer months as tourists flock to our corner of the state to enjoy our lakes.

We take protecting our lakes, streams, and rivers very seriously. We have a dedicated lakes council that does a robust water testing regimen in the summer months. The council hires an independent lab to collect water samples from over 70 sites. Each site is tested three times. This data is collected and published on their website. Lakescouncil.org. The lakes council has been testing area waters for years. A look at the results from all those years of testing can be concerning. Are we good stewards of our lakes? The data would suggest otherwise.

Steuben County, with its abundance of lakes, is in a unique position. Should environmental regulations be lessened? If our goal is to preserve our water, the answer would be no. How can you use a one size fits all approach to environmental regulation when every county is different? Maybe instead of upsurging local control, we should be embracing it. Allow counties to have more control over environmental regulations. Who better to make that determination than the people living in that county. Using a federal model in no way protects Steuben County's fragile ecosystems and watersheds. Steuben County is divided into two major watersheds that both drain into the Great Lakes Basin: the St. Joseph River (Lake Michigan) watershed and the St. Joseph River (Western Lake Erie Basin) watershed. We have a huge stake in protecting these watersheds and federal regulations will not do that.

I believe in helping businesses thrive in Indiana. I also believe over burdensome regulations hurt Hoosier businesses. But when does the environment ever get the same considerations as businesses? Are our regulations really that burdensome? We literally just got a CAFO bill passed, and I wouldn't call it burdensome. One inspection every five years and the farmer gets 30 days' notice. Exactly who is that burdening?

Perhaps if you want to lessen the burden on Ag in particular, you could help family farms which we all know are gasping for air in this country. We have allowed major consolidation of our Ag industries which is driving out family farms and burdensome regulations have nothing to do with it. You could lessen every Ag regulation, and our family farms would still be gasping for air.

Here in lake country, we don't want to see our environmental regulations gutted into non-existence. We are proud to call ourselves lake people. We are proud to call ourselves water warriors. We urge our elected officials to be not only pro-business but pro-environment, too. I am urging you to not weaken our environmental regulations, particularly Ag regulations. We have a major cattle operation backed by the corporate giant JBS that has moved into eastern

Steuben County, and I can attest to the fact that our current Ag regulations are not helping. CAFO/CFOs need robust regulations to ensure our water and air remain free from pollution, especially manure runoff.

I want future generations to look back and acknowledge that we did all we could to protect what we have been blessed with in Steuben County. 101+ lakes. This is our legacy you are debating. Let's make sure we protect it.

Respectfully yours,
Susan Catterall
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From: [Josh Sickinger](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Dear IDEM Regulatory Review Team,

I am writing on behalf of Harvest Tyme Family Farm in Lowell, Indiana, to provide public comment regarding IDEM's wetland classification process—specifically the worksheet and internal procedures currently used to determine whether a wetland is classified as Class I or Class II.

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As a small, family-operated agritourism business, the implications of this misclassification are substantial. The regulatory burdens, permit requirements, and potential mitigation costs associated with a Class II designation have already delayed projects critical to the continued growth of our farm and the tourism dollars it brings to our local community. We have spent considerable time and money on legal and expert consultations simply to advocate for what should be a straightforward classification under the law.

We urge IDEM to reevaluate the validity and appropriateness of the current classification worksheet and consider whether its continued use imposes unnecessary burdens on landowners and deviates from the statutory framework. In the current law, there are several clear paths to Class I classification—regardless of hydrology or hydrologic function as determined by the worksheet. Yet, as the worksheet is currently developed, it fails to reflect these paths. For example, if a wetland is determined to have moderate hydrology, it is automatically classified as Class II, even when it meets other independent statutory criteria for Class I.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further with IDEM staff. Unfortunately, our previous attempts to engage in meaningful dialogue regarding the worksheet's structure and its inconsistencies with the law have not been successful. As a result, we have been forced to retain legal counsel, file an appeal, and pursue either a settlement through legal channels or a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge—all of which are time-consuming and costly for a small business like ours. Thank you for considering our concerns. We support Governor Braun's efforts to make Indiana's environmental regulations transparent, less burdensome and fairly applied.

Sincerely,

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No bueno:(

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Hello,

I don't understand the reason regulations meant to protect taxpayers and citizens would be rolled back.

Do you not care about the health of the people who fund your salaries? Do you care more about the corporations who wish to pollute so you can receive kickbacks and personally enrich yourselves?

That's called corruption and it's disgusting.

You people make me wish hell was real so I could rest knowing you'd be punished. This is absolute evil.

If you'd like an example of how this could go wrong you need to look no further than Flint, Michigan. Is that what you want for us? Is that how little you care about the health of Hoosiers?

You corrupt scumbags!!

Savannah

From: [Abby Hamilton](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Hi Mike

Why are Indiana tax payers paying for individuals legal battles for ethic violations but are taking away money for healthcare?

The way you are using our funds while adding more ways to take our funds (toll roads) is quite disgusting. I'm so disappointed in the leadership the state of Indiana has right now.

I'm glad your pockets are happy and growing as you continue to take for your own uses. Meanwhile, struggling Indiana residents can't have what they need, while prices continue to go up.

Please reconsider your actions as we have a state with quite big potential and your name is being tied to all of this dishonest rhetoric you consider to spread!

Admit your mistakes and take accountability for your actions. We all mess you up but when you can take accountability and move on, then it wont matter what you once were.

Anyway, my rent used to include water and I paid total 987 to now having it go up to 1055 and now having to pay for water. I work at great corporate company in downtown Indy with great pay. When I think about all my bills from my paycheck (includes my student loan which allowed me to get my good job which the company itself greatly contributing to Indiana's economy) I'm being left with \$200~ for 15 days. So that \$200 would include groceries and everything I need for 2 weeks. I should not have to be worrying about the increase in prices/services/tolls as I make great \$ and have my families support.

If you want to be on the bad side of history with Donald, then go right about it, but get out of Indiana and do it somewhere else.

Thank you
Abby Hamilton

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Attached please find the comments from Rose Acre Farms regarding Comments in Accordance with EO 25-38, "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation,"

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. If any questions regarding these please let me know.

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RE: Comments in Accordance with EO 25-38, “Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation,”

In accordance with EO 25-38, “Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation,” and IDEM’s specific request seeking input from entities and individuals affected by Indiana’s environmental regulations, Rose Acre Farms provides the following comments regarding specifically IDEM’s regulations affecting confined feeding operations (CFO’s).

Rose Acre Farms is very familiar with the federal laws and regulations surrounding confined feeding operations. We, at this point, are not questioning those regulations and request that Indiana not change anything relating to those rules and regulations.

We are also aware that Indiana’s laws and regulations are stricter than those required by the federal laws and regulations. We have encouraged Indiana, and specifically IDEM, to have regulations more stringent than the federal regulations. We firmly believe the stricter regulations and laws have benefited Indiana livestock operations by offering protection against lawsuits, such as nuisance lawsuits and other environmentally associated lawsuits.

As a corollary to this, if state laws and regulations are reduced to match federal requirements, then it has been the experience in Indiana over the last several decades that counties will enact livestock regulations. Numerous counties have tried, and some have implemented livestock regulations that end up making Indiana a patchwork of livestock regulations. This becomes extremely inefficient for livestock producers as they try to understand and comply with the myriad of county regulations.

Indiana’s Home-Rule law becomes extremely important in this calculation. The Home-Rule law allows counties to adopt ordinances for effective local governance. A major limitation to this rule however, is that local governments cannot regulate conduct already regulated by the state. Since IDEM is tasked with protecting the environment and producers need a consistent regulatory framework in which to efficiently produce crops and livestock, the elimination of most of the current statutes and regulations would be detrimental to Indiana’s role as a national leader in agriculture.

Current IDEM regulations have been developed over several decades with the livestock sector working with IDEM to develop scientifically based and workable regulations that not only help protect the environment but also allow a workable solution for the vast majority of livestock operations in the State.

Rose Acres also supports current regulations surrounding manure storage areas and lagoons. Again, those regulations have been developed over several decades. They are not only scientifically based and protect the environment, but also allow workable solutions for livestock operations.

Having said that, we would encourage making changes to a few rules, regulations, and statutes. Such suggested changes include the following:

- 1) We understand the need to issue notice requirements to surrounding landowners when constructing new CFO facilities, increasing animal numbers, or constructing manure storage structures. However, such notices are NOT required by regulation or statute for amendments to currently approved CFO facilities that do not increase animal numbers or increase manure storage.

According to the current CFO Amendment application if a producer is simply updating or remodeling a structure on a facility that currently has a CFO permit IDEM sends notices of that amendment change to “county officials and affected parties of that decision”, which normally means all landowners within ½ mile of the CFO.

This not only creates more work and expense for IDEM, but it often creates problems for the producer. Often times landowners misunderstand what is actually happening and think that more animals or manure is being generated. Rather, the producer maintains the same number of animals at the facility and does not increase manure production but rather is simply updating buildings to be more efficient. However, many times, nearby landowners' misunderstanding of what is being done at the CFO will begin trying to stop such remodeling through legal or administrative means. The result is costly delays for the producer, unnecessary time spent by IDEM trying to educate local officials and nearby landowners that IDEM had previously approved the CFO facility and that public comments had been available at that time.

Rather than sending out notices to nearby landowners and county officials for CFO amendments, IDEM's time and resources would be far better spent in letting the public know what an amendment consists of. Which is a remodeling of an already approved CFO site that is not increasing animal numbers or constructing manure storage structures. And that IDEM still approves the construction involved with the amendment so that environmentally the CFO continues to meet all state requirements and IDEM is protecting the environment.

327 IAC 19-8-7 requires all CFO applicants to notify “the county executive in which the CFO is located” as well as “each landowner and each occupant of land of which any part of the boundary is one-half (1/2) mile or less from the CFO.” Nowhere in the statute or in the regulations does it require IDEM to send notices of an amendment to an existing CFO approval to county officials or nearby landowners.

As such we request that IDEM stop sending notices to county officials and nearby landowners for CFO amendments.

Along these same lines it is important that IDEM understands the wording of the statutes and their application to CFO permits. IC 13-18-10-1 states: Sec. 1. (a) A person may not start: (1) construction of a confined feeding operation; or (2) expansion of a confined feeding operation that increases: (A) animal capacity; or (B) manure containment capacity; or (C) both; without obtaining the prior approval of the department.

When IDEM permits a CFO it permits the entire facility, not any particular building. However, recently, IDEM has begun considering a remodel in a building that covers the area previously covered two buildings as an expansion because the new building holds more animals than the previous two buildings even though livestock numbers on the facility were not increased. As such IDEM required notices to be sent out by the producer. This is in clear violation of the statute which states an expansion only occurs when animal or manure capacity is increased. The statute is clear the requirement in the statute refers to “a confined feeding operation” meaning the entire facility. So, unless the facility, not any particular building on that facility, increases animal or manure capacity notice requirements are not required and IDEM needs to stop this burdensome practice.

2) The second issue that we would like IDEM and the state to consider is the Disclosure laws and regulations, as well as the Application packet, surrounding CFO’s in Indiana. Put succinctly, the Disclosure requirements need to be completely eliminated as IDEM already has investigative authority.

This has been an issue for many years now. The disclosure statute needs to be reviewed regarding its veracity and actual applicability to protect Indiana’s environmental landscape. There are several aspects of the statute that are questionable as to how it actually does what it purports to do.

For instance, IC 13-18-10-1.4(2) requires an applicant to disclose if foreign officials alleged violation of their (foreign) laws and also if that violation would have been a “material violation” of state or federal law. This requires the applicant to make numerous judgments about what a “material violation” consists when there is no statutory definition of what constitutes a “material violation”. This problem will be discussed in more detail later.

The other problem this requirement raises is that foreign countries have different environmental laws than the U.S. and Indiana. We understand the thought is that if someone is violating environmental laws somewhere outside of the U.S. why should they be allowed to obtain a CFO permit in the U.S. But as pointed out above, the laws are most likely quite different than those in the U.S. and as a result most likely has little meaning to whether IDEM should issue a producer a CFO permit or not. As such, this section of the statute, as well as other sections of the statute that refer to violations of foreign environmental laws, should be considered for removal in future legislative sessions.

IC 13-18-10-1.4(b) states that section (a) only applies if a “material violation” also “presents a substantial endangerment to human health of the environment”.

IDEM nonruled policy number WASTE-0080-NPDeffective October 14, 2022 defines material violation as: “An alleged violation resulting in a state, federal, or foreign administrative, civil, or criminal enforcement action.” The nonrule policy goes on to state “IDEM enforcement actions typically begin with a Violation Letter but that a Violation Letter “does not necessarily establish a material violation.” How is an applicant supposed to determine whether a particular event may, or may not, consist of a material violation when the agency's own definition states that a particular event may or may not result in a material violation? This subjective determination leaves open to IDEM making arbitrary determinations of whether an applicant has had a material violation or not and therefore

possibly deny an applicant a CFO permit. This subjectivity needs to be removed from IDEM policy. Unless an applicant has been found guilty in a court of law, or has admitted guilt to an agency action through agreeing to a Proposed Agreed Order or a Commissioner's Order an event should not be considered material.

Making a Violation Letter the standard for determining a material violation does not work as Violation Letters can be given by IDEM upon an inspector's personal opinion. There have been numerous occasions in the past where Violation Letters have later been determined to have been issued incorrectly or later determined not to have actually been a violation. However, it is IDEM policy to NEVER withdraw or delete a Violation Letter, requiring that as the determining factor in whether a material violation had occurred or not would require an applicant to state material violations on future applications when in fact no actual violation even occurred.

Section C of the current Disclosure form requires disclosure of acts **alleged** by any state or federal officials of acts or omissions that constitute a material violation of state or federal environmental law at **any time** (bold and underlining in original form). However, IC 13-18-10-1.4(c)(5) clearly states only violations committed within the five (5) years that immediately precede the date of the application. The form needs to be corrected to be in accordance with state law and limit any such disclosures to the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the application.

As pointed out above, violations can be mistakenly alleged by IDEM inspectors. Courts may determine that the violations were improperly given. But the current form requires an applicant to make such disclosures. It is clear the Disclosure form violates current Indiana law.

IDEM's definition of "substantial endangerment" "occurs when the alleged violation presented a reasonable cause for concern that the public or environment may be exposed to a risk of harm." IDEM goes on to state substantial endangerment does NOT require actual harm but only threatened or potential harm. Once again, the applicant is left to determine what "threatened or potential harm" means. As stated above the subjectiveness of these rules needs to be removed.

OEA ruled in New Fashion Pork the purpose of the Disclosure statement is to obtain disclosure, not to seek admissions that activities endangered the environment. The ruling went on to reject IDEM's position that "...any alleged release to waters of the state presents substantial endangerment. In fact, this very same ruling clearly stated "IDEM has no authority to require any applicant subject to I.C. § 13-18-10-1 to include the Disclosure Form with their application unless it meets the criteria immediately above." As such IDEM should only require the Disclosure form when those specific requirements are met. IDEM can easily find out whether an applicant meets those requirements by simply asking on the application whether an applicant has met those requirements. If an applicant has not met them the answer can be marked "no" and no disclosure form required. Only when the applicant marks "yes" would they then be directed to fill out the Disclosure form. Considering the NFP ruling was issued in 2012 and IDEM is still requiring the Disclosure form in 2025 is not acceptable.

Even now IDEM policy is to consider on a case-by-case basis whether substantial endangerment has occurred by considering several factors. However, policy clearly states: "Material violations that typically do not present substantial endangerment usually fall under the category of paperwork violations." (6.20 of the above-referenced nonruled policy). Therefore, in direct contradiction of both statute and court rulings, IDEM still considers virtually anything other than paper violations as substantial endangerment to the environment.

Another issue that needs to be addressed in the Application is the definition of Responsible Part at IC 13-11-2-191. The statutory definition of “Responsible Party” for purposes of IC 13-18-10 includes “...any of the following...” IC 13-11-2-191; emphasis added. It does not say “...all of the following.” The statutory definition of “Applicant” is simply the person that submits the application. See IC 13-11-2-8. This necessitates a much narrower interpretation of responsible party. One person (entity or individual) will submit an application and any of the affiliated officers, corporation directors or senior management officials could play a direct enough role in the proposed operation to be considered a responsible party, but it is unlikely all of them will. Here the applicant needs to be given the discretion to determine who is a responsible party to the CFO. For example, an absentee landowner that owns the ground on which a proposed barn is to be constructed may never see the site in person, let alone have any type of control over the daily operation of the facility that would be relevant to any environmental concern. Currently, the Application requires the information for the (1) applicant; (2) officers, corporate director, or senior management official. Rarely are directors of a corporation involved in the day-to-day operation of a business. To require their information goes far beyond that required by the statute.

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Again, we appreciate this opportunity to provide these comments in accordance with EO 25-38, “Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation,” and IDEM’s specific request seeking input from entities and individuals affected by Indiana’s environmental regulations.

Sincerely,

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Dear IDEM,

Please accept the attached comments regarding the evaluation of existing environmental regulations under Executive Order 25-38. Our organization would greatly appreciate any updates or additional opportunities to participate in this review process as it relates to confined feeding operation regulation.

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Re: Comments on IDEM's Evaluation of Excessive Environmental Regulations
following Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38 (March 12, 2025)

Dear IDEM,

SRAP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with staff based in Indiana and a long history of supporting communities in the state. Across the U.S., for more than 20 years, SRAP has served as a mobilizing force to help communities protect themselves from the damages caused by industrial livestock operations, and to advocate for a food system built on regenerative practices, justice, democracy and resilience. SRAP offers free support, providing communities with the knowledge and skills to protect their rights to clean air, water, and soil and to a healthy, just, and vibrant future.

SRAP appreciates IDEM's call for input regarding "excessive" environmental regulations. Based on our work with communities near CFOs in Indiana, SRAP believes existing CFO rules provide basic protections for human health and the environment, and benefit the regulated community. Current regulations are in no way "excessive", but insufficient, and must not be rolled back under Executive Order 25-38 ("EO")¹.

1. IDEM must maintain—and consider strengthening—its current CFO requirements under Title 327, Article 19 to reduce the significant public health, environmental, and economic burdens to Hoosiers from CFOs (EO Para. 2 & 3).

The public health, environmental, and economic costs of industrial animal agriculture are offloaded; borne by rural communities statewide. Noxious odors, water contamination, and an industrialized agriculture landscape drive residents and homebuyers away. Fewer rooftops mean fewer children in local schools, and fewer customers patronizing local businesses. Fewer

¹ See Executive Order 25-38 at (<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/EO-25-38.pdf>)

rural community residents means a lower tax revenue base and lower economic prosperity for rural communities. Indiana roads suffer the consequences of tens of thousands of manure and industry related tanker trucks; yet there is no tax base invested in to fund the public road repairs. Unpaid volunteer emergency service providers stretch already thin resources; increased emergency response and preparation further jeopardizes the existent insufficient coverage many Indiana communities face. Proximity to CFO operations has been consistently correlated with decrease in property values²; further, potential buyers are then deterred by odors, pests, water and air contamination, and potential health risks.

When the industrial livestock model profits by externalizing its costs of production, government agencies must step in to hold CFOs accountable for their contribution to environmental pollution. IDEM's existing rules around permitting, reporting, neighbor notices, setbacks, and land application requirements, and decommissioning, to name a few, are critical to "ensure responsible environmental protection and stewardship", and to the economic stability of rural communities.

2. The regulated CFO community is already failing to meet requirements.

According to IDEM's 2024 report to the Indiana General Assembly³, staff reported 95 violations including 11 discharges or spills in one year, even while CFO inspections had decreased by 30% since 2020⁴. If more violations are being found with less frequency of inspections, this demonstrates *more* oversight and reporting, *not less*, is required to prevent environmental pollution. And, that current environmental CFO regulations are in no way "excessive." IDEM has identified some of the most commonly violated rules⁵, including:

- [327 IAC 19-13-3](#): Manure Transport and Handling
- [327 IAC 2-6.1](#): Spill Rule
- [355 IAC 7](#): State Chemist Fertilizer Applicator Certification Rule
- [327 IAC 20](#): Satellite Manure Storage Structures
- [327 IAC 19-13-2](#): Digesters and Other Energy Recovery Systems

These rules involve proper clean up of spills, notification, reporting, training, and the need to obtain approval from IDEM before expanding or constructing new manure management structures; all incredibly important for IDEM's ability to ensure responsible waste management. IDEM can, and should, continue to require better adherence to such existing rules, because they maintain a basic level of transparency, accountability, and protection for state water quality. The fundamental requirements of the existing regulatory framework provide an even playing field for the state's livestock industry, have a streamlined relationship with water quality protection, and make for a CFO program that IDEM can administer efficiently.

3. A federal, one-size-fits-all regulation will not protect Indiana's unique landscape and resources (EO Para. 4).

² Appraisal Journal (Kilpatrick, 2001, p. 306)

³ See Indiana Department of Environmental Management 2024 Annual Reports at (https://iga.in.gov/publications/agency_report/2024%20-%20Annual%20Reports.pdf)

⁴ See Indiana Department of Environmental Management 2020 Annual Reports at (https://iga.in.gov/publications/agency_report/2020-annual-reports-idem.pdf)

⁵ See Indiana Department of Environmental Management's *Guidance Manual for Indiana's Confined Feeding Program* at (https://www.in.gov/idem/cfo/files/guidance_manual_cfp.pdf)

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Existing Indiana CFO regulations that may be more stringent than federal standards are clearly necessary, especially as Indiana's rules take into consideration state-specific factors such as karst topography, shallow aquifers, impaired waterways in the state. The state's shallow aquifers and karst terrain allow contaminant leaching to happen faster⁶, threatening water resources. In these sensitive areas, pollution from runoff, spills, land application of waste, pesticides, etc. can more quickly seep into groundwater, threatening the valued resource of clean drinking water and public health. This is precisely why strong, specific, and enforceable regulations are necessary to protect Indiana communities and all water users from the irreversible damage caused by unchecked CFO operations. Federal regulations assume a more geologically stable condition. Indiana's unique features simply cannot be addressed in full by federal regulations, so state-specific rules are essential to protect the state's environment, communities, and economies.

Additionally, groundwater and surface water protections from manure runoff are not only scientifically backed, but economically smart. Excess nutrients from industrial agriculture waste are a leading cause of algal blooms, fish kills, and dead zones, all of which Indiana has, and continues, to battle. This not only costs taxpayers, but also contributes to the loss of recreational use and enjoyment of waterways important to Hoosier's lifestyles. Federal standards also typically focus on "large" CAFO facilities, but ignore the cumulative effects of CFO density on neighboring communities. SRAP has worked with several communities in Indiana experiencing the impacts of multiple CFOs sited close to each other, magnifying the public health, environmental, and economic toll.

State regulations that provide accountability, transparency, and help protect Hoosiers from these impacts must be maintained and are in no way "excessive." Any broader approach leaves Indiana rural communities vulnerable to sweeping generalizations that do not adequately describe or protect Hoosier way of life.

Conclusion

Thank you for considering our comments. We request that Indiana's CFO regulations be preserved under the EO because they are not "excessive", but basic, necessary requirements. If, alternatively, IDEM *does* propose to edit or revise the current CFO program under the EO, we request that a stakeholder process be initiated to engage neighboring communities and the regulated community in a public process to adequately protect human health, the environment, rural economies, and achieve regulatory consistency within the state.

Sincerely,

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⁶ Hasenmueller, N. R., and Powell, R. L., 2006, Karst: Indiana Geological Survey Poster 4

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We do not want you to roll back environmental protections!! Please don't do this. We need to protect our communities. We want these protections funded and in place.

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We do not believe the state of Indiana needs fewer environmental protections. We believe Indiana should be a much better steward of our air, soil, and water - and place a higher priority on our environment than businesses whose main goal is profit.

Dan & Barb Lawhorn
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Crawfordsville, IN 47933
Montgomery County

From: [Jennifer McNealy](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comments on Existing Regulations
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 11:14:30 AM

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Good morning.

I understand IDEM is seeking public input about environmental regulations in Indiana, and that is why I'm writing today.

I live in rural Indiana, and have all my life. My biggest concern is that regulations regarding confined (and particularly concentrated) animal feeding operations will be reduced as part of this process.

While I understand the desire to reduce regulations and control regulatory costs, this must be balanced against the health, wealth, and general well-being of others in the neighborhoods in which these operations exist. Simply allowing these industrial-scale businesses to externalize their environmental impact...and environmental-related costs to individual neighbors should not be considered progress, and in my opinion certainly is not in the best interest of the state. Decreasing regulations risks increasing the cost of health care for neighbors impacted by the water and other environmental consequences being monitored by IDEM, but also from environmental impacts like air pollution which are not monitored currently. Just because they are not monitored does not mean that they do not exist, nor does it mean that there are no negative impacts to neighbors.

Additionally, this risks a devaluation of existing homes and makes investment to repair blighted areas or to build new homes (with families who drive rural economies) less likely to happen, a less impressive business proposition. It's not rocket science, who wants to live by these operations, breathe the toxic fumes, and be afraid that their water sources may be contaminated.

If the state wants to grow, we need investment and we need people, and loosening regulations on CAFOs, in particular, is not the way to do that in the rural parts of the state. Speaking of growing and new investment, why continue to support the growth of this industry, with its known and negative environmental impacts, when the state could support investment in other economically beneficial opportunities that do not come with the same environmental impacts, or support the rebirth of the agricultural sector in other ways that are more compatible with the overall goal of an economically viable and physically healthy state? I'm all for supporting the ag industry in Indiana, but shouldn't we support ag in a way that also means more tractors being purchased, more family homes with furniture and appliances that need to be purchased, and more children in local schools to educate and become future employees and farmers in rural areas, rather than continuing to support the consolidation of the ag industry, which simply translates to fewer major purchases from local stores?

Anyway, that's my two cents about weakening CFO/CAFO regulations in Indiana, and why I think it shouldn't be done.

Kind regards, Jennifer McNealy

Have A Happy and Successful Day --- Jennifer McNealy

From: [Susan Collins](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Regulation/deregulation of environmental rules
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 11:00:56 AM

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Greeting Honorable Governor Braun et al:

I'm not a scientific expert on the environment but I am a lifelong resident of Indiana and grandmother/ great grandmother. I have seen and mourned the loss of woodlands and wetlands in Indiana. Trees are the lungs of our planet and water is essential to all living things. However, our highways and farmlands are lined with massive warehouses holding who knows what, extracting huge amounts of energy, including water, from Indiana soil. We all know that trees, farmland, creeks and wetlands have been eliminated for the sake of 'stuff' that will eventually end up in landfills. In my retirement years I have had the time and interest to identify and grow to love the birds and beasts that populate Indiana— what a pleasure! I'm asking you Governor Braun, to consider the health of Indiana as well as opportunity for work. I believe we both desire the best lives for our progeny and for our communities that includes a desire to insure Indiana is a clean and healthy environment for its residents and for Nature. We need clean air, clean water, good soil, and the benefits of natural recreational areas. Consider these benefits before you decide to add more businesses that sap the resources from our state.

Respectfully,
Susan Collins
Indianapolis, Indiana

From: [Bonnie Hand](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: HEC
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 10:34:54 AM

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I received an email, I believe from HEC, but it disappeared. It had to do with streamlining the approval process for permits.

While I agree that unnecessary delays aren't helpful, neither is making our water or air less clean. Please approach this with care and thoughtfulness. Be sure Indiana protects natural resources that are necessary for our survival and health.

Bonnie Hand

From: [Nancy Stark](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Comments on EO 25-38
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 10:10:59 AM

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I am writing to encourage IDEM to always put environmental health and Hoosier health first as you manage the policies and regulations that govern practices having environmental impact.

Laws and regulations are needed to protect the environment because, historically, business operations moved forward even when there was harm to the environment and harm to people's health. This continues to happen. Without regulation it is much too easy to ignore the illness and suffering caused by environmental degradation when one doesn't live in the effected area.

I realize that the governor's executive order can put IDEM in some difficult situations. As you review your environmental protection procedures for efficiency, consistency, and expediting applications, I ask that you be led by scientific data and what is in the best interest of Indiana's environment and the health of our state. We, the citizens of Indiana, have a right to clean air, water, and soil. We are counting on you to make that happen.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nancy Stark
Indianapolis

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From: drjkranz@aol.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: State Environmental Regulations
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 9:44:11 AM

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Dear IDEM,

If you do not protect the environment, there will be no reason for companies to do business in Indiana in the first place. Please follow the SCIENCE.

Sincerely,

James Kranzfelder, Ph.D.
Environmental Toxicologist
Carmel, Indiana

Be the ancient ancestor that our future generations need you to be.

From: [Shelley Swearingen](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 9:09:45 AM

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I am writing as a concerned Indiana resident to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38, which restricts our state's ability to set environmental standards stronger than those required by the federal government. This is a dangerous overreach that undermines both public health and Indiana's long-term economic wellbeing.

Indiana's Environmental Needs Require State-Specific Solutions

Federal environmental rules are a minimum—not a maximum. Indiana faces unique challenges from industrial pollution, coal ash, factory farms, and legacy contamination that often demand more protective, localized action. Preventing our own state experts from setting stronger air and water protections ignores our reality and jeopardizes the health of Hoosier families.

This Executive Order Handcuffs Local Experts

It is unacceptable that state agencies like IDEM are now forced to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act while Indiana communities suffer. Indiana's environmental protection decisions should be made by people who understand Indiana—not Washington lobbyists or politically motivated mandates.

The Economic Argument Is Deeply Flawed

This order's rationale of "cutting burdensome regulations" to grow the economy is dangerously shortsighted:

- **It ignores the healthcare costs of pollution**—increased asthma, cancer, and developmental issues are not just tragic, they are *expensive*. Clean air and water reduce healthcare costs for families and improve workforce productivity.
- **It undermines Indiana's tourism and recreation economy.** Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, and our state forests puts outdoor jobs and recreation-based revenues at risk.

- **It doesn't eliminate costs—it shifts them.** The true cost of pollution doesn't vanish. It simply moves from polluters onto taxpayers, who will bear the burden through medical bills, lost property value, and decades of environmental cleanup.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not at odds—they depend on one another. Leadership means protecting both.

I urge you to rescind Executive Order 25-38. Let Indiana's environmental experts do their jobs. Let us set standards that meet Indiana's specific needs. And let us show that protecting our people and our environment is not "burdensome"—it's essential.

Sincerely,

Shelley Swearingen

Westpoint, Indiana

From: [Max Howard](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 8:56:30 AM

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I am emailing as a Hoosier who opposes the rolling back of environmental measures due to some fallacy and lie of economic measures. Please protect our land and water for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Max Howard

From: [Damian Lothamer](#)
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From: [carolyn.w](#)
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Hi and Thank You for taking public comments from Hoosiers. It is common knowledge the industrial age is destroying our planet's renewable capabilities. Humans use 1.7 of our planet's ability each year to clean itself (USA a major culprit). Currently that puts us at the end of July each year for the planet's ability to clean itself from our waste and destruction of its natural ability to clean and restore itself. Plus, Indiana is already 38th of our 50 states as not being a good steward of its natural resources. The rest of the year we are in a deficit. Already I am tired of having to deal with moderate to poor air quality on a daily basis. Also, it is a known fact Indiana has already destroyed most of its wetlands that help with water regeneration. I am fortunate enough my family can afford water purification systems for our consumption. I try to buy from companies that use earth safe practices for growing their crops, eg; greenhouses that use no pesticides, less energy, and have renewable sources for what energy they do use. So, can Indiana attract these new Earth preserving and renewable companies instead of continued deregulation and destructive practices of archaic ones? Much better for future Hoosiers too don't you think? Thank you again for taking comments.

Sincerely, Carolyn Siebert...

P.S. Do I get a response on my comments? Thanks again...:)

From: [Steve Lundergan](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Fwd: Excessive Environmental Regulations
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:42:22 PM

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I read an article that the state was looking for feedback on IDEM and their excessive environmental regulations. I ran a small business in Indiana that employed approximately 40 people for 8 years and then I bought an ownership stake in the company and was responsible for the P&L for another six years at which time I sold my interest to my partners and retired in 2020. I found IDEM to be well run and I do not feel their regulations are burdensome. I especially appreciate their confidential self audit program where they will come to your facility and conduct an audit and will not contact the enforcement arm, if they find problems. I think most companies want to comply and programs like this help to provide awareness and compliance. I did not encounter any regulations that were excessive and would hate to see then cut back on enforcement. I did read an article that their permitting process can be slow and we only had one need to secure a permit and the process was timely, but if they do often take an excessive amount of time to approve things I would support trying to streamline that.

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> Sent from my iPad

From: [Keith Whitaker](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposition to 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:38:41 PM

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Hello

My name is Keith Whitaker and I am a current resident of Harrison County and a lifetime resident of Indiana.

As an avid outdoorsman, as a parent, and as person who cares about my planet, the air I breathe, and the water I drink, I strongly oppose any weakening of environmental regulations. Any possible benefits from loosening such regulations will be temporary. The costs of damaging our environment will be paid by everyone, including future generations.

Please do not weaken these regulations.

Stand up for our children and their children.

Thank you

From: [Amy Whitaker](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public comments STRONGLY opposing Executive order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 9:45:29 PM

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I am writing to express my deepest displeasure of Governor Braun's attempts to roll back environmental protections for his fellow Hoosiers. He may be trying to claim that these changes will save money but that's blatantly false! The lack of clean water and air causes devastating health consequences that add financial strain on the state. Mother Nature should be taken care of as one would cherish and protect their own Mother.

Respectfully yours,

Amy Whitaker
Depauw, IN 47115

From: [Katy Rogers](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: EO 25+38 public comment
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 7:55:46 PM

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As a farmer, I would encourage IDEM, the Executive, and our legislators to consider that these public protections are also business protections. The repeal of environmental protections, particularly as they pertain to water, soil, air quality, and energy are crippling for not just individuals but also for businesses, like farms. Those who benefit from rolling back protections are bad actors who do not deserve to participate in the marketplace. If you cannot compete ethically, don't enter the arena.

As a human being, I disgusted by the idea that Indiana should be a place where we sacrifice the population to capitulate to the desires of the worst among us. Hoosiers are not prey to be sacrificed in the name of ill gotten profit.

Katy Rogers
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Our mission at Teter is to increase access to healthy food for the vulnerable and provide ecological education while building community.

We believe we can help create an equitable food system that provides the nutrition, community, and ecological healing that allows everyone to thrive.



From: [Evan Dotson](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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I am a resident of Anderson, Indiana, and I am writing to express my extreme opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be the bare minimum, not the target. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Prioritizing the health of Hoosiers should be our number one priority, and I recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Meaghan Rowader](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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As an EHS professional, this is absolutely terrible for our economy, and our people! IN has some of the most polluted water in the country, ranking bottom of the barrel for industrial toxins, too. We are consistently ranked one of the most polluted states.

We are leading this state to a low functioning workforce, riddled with respiratory and chronic illness from the direct impact this executive order will cause. If 'boosting' the economy is such a priority, everyone in the Government has this backwards.

Michigan and Ohio have better water and air. I wouldn't dip a toe in any source of river, stream, reservoir, or lake in this state. Bye Bye tourism and park revenue! They are both getting slashed anyways. The Geist reservoir is riddled with toxins. So much for the pricy parking. Even Lake Michigan, I'll go up to the actual state for that, the water looks more blue and the air is clear. We Hoosiers will boost other states economies more by visiting too, thanks to our plant friend.

Best.

From: [Aaron Whiteman](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Feedback on Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:31:05 PM

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Hello,

My name is Aaron Whiteman and I'm an Indiana resident living in Michigan City. I find the existence of Executive Order 25-38 itself to be troubling and the fact that the IDEM has declined interviews with Indiana news/media underpins how alarming this directive is and how likely it is that no experts were consulted before this broad directive was made.

Our environmental protection laws are some of the laxest in the country and any directive to find areas to roll back protections from implies that we're being asked to find problems that don't exist as an excuse to allow irresponsible corporations and bad actors to destroy what little natural resources remain in our state. Additionally many protections in our state are direct responses to structural, health, and other hazards and my worry is that the same care and concern that went into crafting the current restrictions, regulations, and laws will not be carried out when removing them. We have seen how rushing cuts for the sake of saying we made cuts has been working out on the federal level and I grow more uneasy about my continued status as a Hoosier as a result of our state following suit.

I fail to see any benefit to making cuts based on conjecture and a brief solicitation of feedback and fear that my and others concerns will fall on deaf ears as it seems the intent is to find reasons to cut things vs actually providing any benefit for me and my fellow Hoosiers.

Please consider consulting experts, taking the time to research, and providing impact studies before making drastic changes. Protect our wetlands, precious natural resources, and the health and safety of all those in Indiana.

From: [Nathan Weber](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:01:43 PM

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Hello,

I am a resident of Union County writing in opposition to EO 25-38 which I believe poses great risk to Indiana's water and air quality, as well as its economy. Indiana has long struggled to clean up its streams and rivers from industrial and agricultural pollution, and currently ranks #1 in impaired stream miles amongst other states. Removing existing regulations or preventing new regulations to address pollution will only exacerbate the problem.

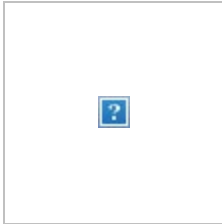
The people of Indiana deserve a clean environment and the economy will benefit from a clean environment. Please recommend that this order be rescinded.

Nate Weber

From: [Susan Thomas](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: IDEM Public Comment EO 25-38
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IDEM Public Comment Letter: EO 25-38



Indiana Department of Environmental Management
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46201
Email: Efficiency@idem.in.gov

Just Transition Northwest Indiana is deeply concerned that *EO-25-38: Creating Opportunity and Reducing Over-regulation While Protecting Our Environment* (and related *EO 25-06, 25-49, 25-50, 25-17, 25-40, and 25-48*) defeats the purpose of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management itself. The agency is already struggling with more than a decade of budget and staff cuts necessary to operate at a capacity that serves the public. Clean air, water, and pollution rules are all under jeopardy with these orders, citing “unduly burdensome” regulations as problematic to industry and business, while requesting community input. We do not view adherence to environmental laws as burdensome, but as an absolute necessity. We see repeated evidence of the industry failing to follow these rules, with little to no oversight or consequence from IDEM, which has already awarded faulty permits that favor polluting industries.

As a nonprofit organization that serves the Northwest Indiana region and regularly testifies and comments at IDEM hearings on behalf of communities in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, we can attest to what is undeniably burdensome: the permit comment and community input process, which is lengthy, technical, and has rapid turnaround times. Hearings are often inaccessible and occur at inconvenient times or locations. This procedure leaves very little for communities to respond in a timely and effective manner.

What is truly “unduly burdensome” are the results of inadequate permits, oversight, and enforcement: unchecked industrial pollution that harms our communities’ health through exposure to a myriad of illnesses. This failure also harms our economies through missed work

and school days due to sickness, as well as a poor quality of life. Additionally, this absence of adequate regulations renders our land and water unusable and unsafe for humans due to industrial contamination. Furthermore, we object to the removal of environmental justice language and concerns in any EOs. More than a century of toxic pollution has been dumped on the environmental justice communities in Northwest Indiana, with resounding negative impacts on our health, economy, and environment. In eliminating language that names this issue, many of these community efforts to rebound are effectively halted.

In closing, we request the following:

- A revision to the permitting process that puts community health, input, and science-based environmental concerns at the fore.
- Plain language fact sheets provided with ample time prior to permits being awarded.
- Adequate oversight and enforcement, with penalties commensurate with the industry's profits referenced in the permit.
- Cumulative impacts studies that reflect the scientific health and environmental burdens, particularly harming surrounding communities where industry pollutes, including Northwest Indiana.
- Adherence to communities' common sense definition of "protecting the environment" rather than what industry may state as "overburdensome."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Thomas
Policy and Press Director
Just Transition Northwest Indiana
www.jtnwi.org

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From: [Julie Nichols](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Burdensome rules
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Hello,

I'm providing feedback that there are *not enough* important regulations for our precious environment in Indiana. We could do more to protect our air, water, forests, and especially wetlands in this beautiful state.

Braun's executive orders, specifically EO-25-17, are 'burdensome' to the health of the environment my children and I love dearly.

Thank you for your time,
Julie Nichols

From: [Aislinn Beil](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Hey, so let's not put the cost of pollution on the small people and let's leave it to the people doing the polluting. We have a heavy industrial presence in Indiana and our parks and bodies of water generate millions a year. It is in our best interest to take care of where we live. The environment is the most important thing there is I don't even know why this is a conversation or why money has consumed everyone so much so that we aren't thinking about the air we breathe and the water we drink and everything else that goes into it. It's unacceptable. Stop this.

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From: [Warren Fricke](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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I am a resident of Floyds Knobs, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

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From: [Robert Pawlak](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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I am a resident of Demotte, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Ally McLaughlin](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental Regulations Input
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 3:22:57 PM

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Hello,

I am a lifelong Hoosier and care deeply about the environment. Hearing that the state government wants to reduce environmental regulations in the state of Indiana is extremely disappointing and distressing to me. Environmental regulations are in place to keep businesses operating in a way that protects our earth, water, and air and Indiana already is one of the top polluting states in the nation. I understand that the steel industry and agricultural industry are large drivers of the state economy. I worked at IN Tech in New Carlisle, a cold rolling steel mill. I've also worked for DuPont. These are two industries that can be extremely polluting from runoff to heavy metals being put into our air and water. They must be curtailed in a way that helps protect our earth and the Hoosiers that live and work here everyday. Unchecked, industry will absolutely increase pollution in our state, putting our environment, animals, and people's health at risk. Standing tall for protecting our natural resources needs to be a focus of our state government, rather than proving businesses with an excuse to further pollute. I do not care if the federal regulations are not as strong. We should strive to be better than the bare minimum. It is the least that Hoosiers deserve. We deserve to breathe clean air, and have clean drinking water and clean water to recreate in.

"Why should I care about the environment?" Why wouldn't you? You live there.

Best,
Allison McLaughlin

From: [David Retherford](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Suggestions for reducing regulation
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 2:53:19 PM

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Thanks for the opportunity, and please check the link in the Star article as even though it says the email address is efficiency@idem.in.gov, when you click on it it fills in as “iden” instead of “idem”. My initial response was rejected for that reason.

My suggestion is that Idem cease the regulation of isolated wetlands that do not meet the definition for a wetland used in the sackett case, which I believe the EPA is in the process of drafting regulations to address this current definition, and Indians should do the same thing and stop spending money and creating cost for what science would say are drainage problems not wetlands, many of which are man made.
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From: [Grace Wiley](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public comment relating to EO 25-38 (wetlands)
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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: [Grace Wiley](#)
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Subject: Public comment relating to EO 25-38 (stormwater runoff)
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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38 and its threats to Hoosiers' water as a result of potential deregulation of industrial stormwater runoff.

In my professional capacity as an urban planner, I deal with stormwater runoff every day. Stormwater runoff often contains dangerous chemicals and pollutants, which end up in our water systems. I live near the White River, where these pollutants go. The White River is known to be disgusting and dirty due to all this runoff. The last thing Hoosiers need is less regulation on industrial site stormwater standards.

In 2022, a study found that Indiana ranks dead-last when it comes to clean waterways. Deregulation of stormwater runoff will only make this worse and threaten the health of Hoosiers. We have very few environmental regulations in Indiana as it is. Please do not decrease this number.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: [Kholby Klein](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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I am a resident of Lowell, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

We need regulations on air and water to prioritize safety of not just us as humans, but animals of this state as well. And what we do in Indiana is going to affect other states as well, why can't we be a positive example for once?

Thank you,

Kholby Klein

From: [Christina Jones](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Statement in Opposition of Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:47:48 PM

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Dear Sir or Madame,

I strongly oppose the governor's measure to rollback the state's environmental regulation that exceeds the federal minimum. As a strong believer in local government, I am opposed to the governor's proposal to shift environmental regulation to the federal government, which is not as efficient or responsive to the unique needs of Hoosiers.

Clean air and water help Hoosiers thrive - physically and economically. Letting big businesses pollute and sicken Hoosiers shifts the costs to our failing healthcare system. Overbuilt, polluting industries worsen property values and diminish tourism in rural areas - which includes most of the state.

I strongly encourage this body to oppose EO 25-38 and avoid a race to the bottom for environmental standards. Do this for my children, grandchildren, and generations of Hoosiers to come.

Sincerely,

Christina Jones
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From: [Phil May](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:22:02 PM

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Hi there, Indy resident here.

I have to say that I strongly oppose Gov. Braun's agenda to remove environmental regulations that exceed federal standards. If I recall correctly the White River is cleaner than it's been in 20 years, and this is due entirely to environmental regulations and clean up efforts. We cannot abide or allow waste dumping, worse air quality due to pollution and weakened regulations that would allow the abuse of our ecosystem to take place.

Please oppose this.

-Phil May

From: [Donna Fathke](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: IDEM environmental regulations
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 11:51:01 AM

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I DO NOT agree that Indiana's environmental regulations should be rolled back, even if they are more stringent than federal regulations. Indiana needs to mind its own environment for the safety and health of its residents. History proves that businesses and industries do not self-regulate when it comes to the environment. Do you not remember the time when rivers caught on fire, when Lake Erie died, when the White River suffered a massive fish kill? The only reason these bodies of water made a comeback was because of environmental regulations, not because the polluting businesses volunteered to correct their violations of the environment. Some violations will never be correctable, such as those involving heavy metals or PCBs. Violations need to be circumvented before they happen, not cleaned up after the fact!

It is not a bad thing that regulations slow down the business process. It gives us time to discern if there is an environmental issue in the process. Economics is not a justifiable reason to proceed full steam ahead if people's quality of life is at risk.

Respectfully,
Donna Fathke
10729 Maple Ln
St. John, IN 46373

From: [Erin Elsler](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Concerns Regarding Executive Order 25-38 on Environmental Regulations
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 11:46:50 AM

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Dear Governor Braun,

I am writing to respectfully express my concerns regarding Executive Order 25-38, which directs state agencies to review and potentially roll back any Indiana environmental regulation that exceeds the federal minimum standards.

While I understand the intent to align with federal guidelines, I believe that Indiana has unique environmental challenges and needs that may not be fully addressed by federal regulations alone. Stronger state-level protections have historically played a critical role in safeguarding the health and well-being of Indiana's communities, preserving our natural resources, and promoting sustainable economic growth.

Rolling back these enhanced standards could undermine the progress Indiana has made in environmental stewardship. I urge your administration to consider the long-term implications for public health, environmental quality, and the state's reputation as a responsible steward of our natural heritage.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Erin Elsler

From: [richard hickman](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:53:46 AM

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Hello. I'm in total opposition to this nonsense. You guys have to answer to the GOD that you love to espouse during election year politics. You guys are against Jesus' teachings. Keep playing with folks' emotions and see where you end up after your precious life on earth is over. Your money won't matter in the hereafter.

From: [Jenna Phoebus](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:52:52 AM

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I am a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

I have lived in Indiana my entire life and have taken great advantage of its natural resources, including visiting its lakes, rivers, and forests. As a parent, I'm getting to watch my child engage in the world around her, and take great joy in seeing her delight at plants, insects, and other wildlife. We absolutely love spending our time outdoors and exploring our local parks.

My concern with this executive order lies in the fact that federal environmental regulation is only the floor. We must tailor regulations to meet our own needs here in Indiana, which considers all the major industries that have here. We need to prioritize more tree coverage, regulating air pollution, and considering renewable alternatives to energy so that we can maintain Indiana's natural beauty and prioritize the health of future generations to come.

When I look at my child, there's no doubt in my mind that it is our moral and ethical imperative to preserve our local environment. Doing so would actually support a robust economy and create countless jobs, not retract from it. Less environmental regulation means more healthcare costs due to increased rates of chronic health conditions, pollution of our sacred natural resources. In the long run, this would increase costs for constituents of Indiana.

If the goal of the current administration here is to Make America Healthy Again, then why would we not invest in creating a healthy, bright environmental future for Indiana residents?

Please prioritize current and future residents of the state of Indiana and please recommend that this EO be rescinded.

Kind regards,
Jenna Phoebus

From: [Margo Taylor](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Hello,

I am a resident of Milan, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges. This planet is our home and the home to many other plants and animals. We need to keep it healthy for us all and we should be doing more than the minimum to do that.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Sincerely,
Margo Taylor

Margo Taylor

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From: [Sujan Swearingen](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Legalize it
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:12:40 AM

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Medical marijuana needs to be legalized for healthy growth in Indiana.

Dr. Sujan M. Swearingen

From: strings.corn_1s@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ann Blakley](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: strings.corn_1s@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ann Blakley](#)
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ann Blakley
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From: [Jesse Parsons](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 9:53:55 AM

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I am a resident of South Bend, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges. Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

-Jesse Parsons

From: [Brittany Wickizer](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public comment opposing executive order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 9:42:35 AM

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I am a constituent in Crown Point, Indiana that cares deeply about a clean environment.

Federal standards don't go far ENOUGH to protect Hoosiers and the wildlife that also live here. We have unique agricultural and industrial considerations such as coal ash, factory farms, and heavy industry to contend with and need to rely on subject matter experts' advice to protect our air and water from contamination.

Failure to do so simply shifts costs to healthcare and cleanup of devastating contamination. A strong economy and a healthy environment are deeply connected.

Thank you!
~Brittany Wickizer
10226 Arizona St
Crown Point, IN 46307

From: [Lynne Lehmer](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Regulations
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Hello,

Yesterday as I was driving from South Bend, IN to Shipshewana (where I live) I realized that it was not just hot and humid, but hot, humid, and with a degree of man-made chemicals in the air. I thought of the fact that we are breathing in pollution.

The fact that Indiana wants to lean towards eliminating regulations of air quality is down right stupid. Indiana is plain ole backwards. I grew up in the smog of the Los Angeles area in the 1950s. As I was driving yesterday I thought of this. Air pollution is not a good thing. Water pollution is not a good thing. You want to normalize this stuff that is not good for our health?!!!! Hoosiers must be stupid. Don't give Indiana a bad name.

Lynne Lehmer

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pats](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 7:10:36 AM

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Dear Indiana Department of Environmental Management,

As a concerned Indiana resident, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

This order poses a serious threat to the environmental protections that safeguard our health, natural resources, and future. It prioritizes short-term administrative “efficiency” over the long-term wellbeing of Indiana communities. Our state already faces challenges related to air and water quality, industrial pollution, and climate impacts. Weakening the regulatory framework or limiting the capacity of IDEM to evaluate and enforce protections only puts Hoosiers at greater risk.

I am especially concerned that this order will reduce public transparency, hinder scientifically sound decision-making, and allow powerful interests to sidestep accountability. We need stronger—not weaker—environmental oversight to ensure that Indiana remains a healthy, livable place for current and future generations.

I urge you to reject any efforts to implement Executive Order 25-38 in a way that undermines your agency’s mission or compromises environmental protections.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Patsy Henson

Indianapolis, IN

From: [Kristopher Pring](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Oppose executive order (EO 25-38)
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:38:25 AM

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Good Morning,

I am a constituent out of Middletown, IN at zip code 47356 and I disagree with this executive order.

We should strive do more than the minimum for environmental safety, especially in places where heavy industry has left the land in such bad shape it has led to higher rates of childhood illnesses and cancers in both children and the elderly. It has also led to increased levels of lead in drinking water and in the environment as a whole.

Government should protect its people. This proposal will strip protections from people, leaving them more vulnerable to the whims of people who seek profit over all things including the people who work for them and in the local environment where their factories and facilities have or could cause damage.

The minimum is not good enough to keep Indiana safe, especially as the minimum is pushed backwards on the federal level, leaving more of the population vulnerable. You need a workforce that can actually survive long enough to be of use and pay their taxes. This proposal will make it less likely that that will happen.

We need to be better. That doesn't mean making people more likely to be taken advantage of and exploited for their health and labor. If the people of this state get too sick to work with the various moves to make healthcare less functional, workplaces more volatile, and the environment more hostile, there will be very few people left to do what jobs these employers want done.

To attract people to the state, you need a state that is clean, has good education, has good paying jobs, and is not hostile to people who are native or who want to become Hoosiers.

The state has a brain drain issue, has had it for a long time now. There is less incentive for folks to stay. Turning back environmental protections will just make more people want to leave and make the state even more vulnerable. We don't want to go back to the 60s and 70s where places were so polluted that rivers and lakes literally caught on fire.

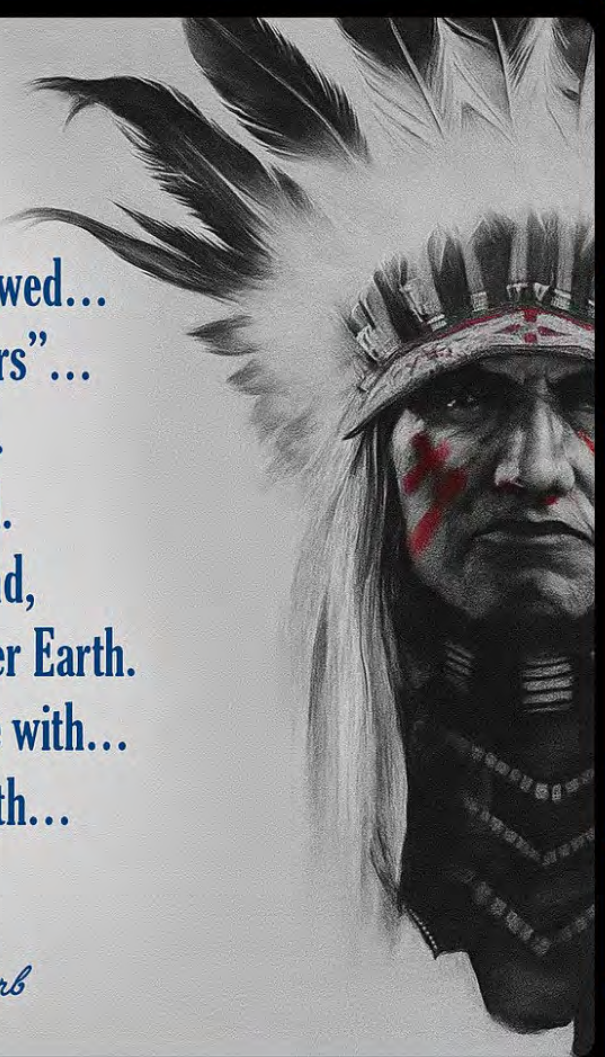
Please look to the past for the lessons that need to be kept in mind and not repeated for the sake of the future!

Kristopher Pring
Middletown, IN 47355

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From: [Beth Hatter](#)
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Everything on Earth is borrowed...
There is no "Mine" or "Yours"...
there is only "Ours"...
Even Time is borrowed.
We kill over a Plot of land,
that belongs only to our Mother Earth.
All you have is what you came with...
and what you will leave with...
Your Spirit.

- Native American Proverb

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From: [Jami](#)
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Public Comment to IDEM on EO 25-38
Submitted by: Jami Cooper, Lafayette, IN
Date: June 25, 2025

I support strong environmental protections—clean air, safe water, healthy communities—and believe Indiana should strive to exceed minimal federal baselines when science and local conditions require it, not erode current protections.

Beyond existing rules, Indiana's push for "environmentally beneficial projects" under EO 25-49 must come with strong guardrails—not blind trust. Take utility-scale solar and wind farms: I'm all in if the company's vetted for trustworthiness, ensures land stewardship, and sticks to clear, enforceable rules. For example, under IC 8-1-42-11, solar developers are required to plant perennial ground cover—and encouraged to use pollinator-friendly seed mixes—under and around arrays to prevent soil erosion and runoff. That needs to be standard practice: fields leased for 10–30 years should leave the soil healthier than they found it, not stripped of nutrients. And leak bait-and-switch sales of struggling farms—where a landowner is promised dual farming only to see a solar or wind project fast-tracked—must be blocked. Counties should require full disclosure of project plans, enforce county-approved ordinances that include native vegetation, buffer setbacks, and decommissioning provisions—just like Putnam, Randolph, and several others already do.

And carbon capture proposals? We just saw BP pull out of a big Indiana CO₂ storage plan after farmers and towns raised alarm over contaminated water and seismic risks. That project was rightly halted. If future carbon sequestration or pipeline projects move forward, the public must have a seat at the table from day one—no surprise notices, no "we'll figure it out later" attitude. If Hoosiers see pipelines routed under their homes or farms, they should be able to veto—local trust matters more than corporate promises.

In short: being "practical" about energy doesn't mean sacrificing Hoosiers. It's not about removing "red tape"—it's about writing smart rules and enforcing them. That's how we build projects we can all live with—for today and tomorrow.

Executive Order 25-50 talks about ensuring energy reliability and affordability—but we should start by asking why our grid is under strain in the first place. One obvious answer: massive energy demands from newly recruited data centers. These facilities consume staggering amounts of electricity, and Indiana keeps bending over backwards to bring more of them here—often with tax breaks, cheap land, and few real public benefits. If we're serious about keeping energy affordable for Hoosiers, maybe we should stop inviting energy hogs that primarily serve tech giants and out-of-state users. Propping up coal to feed Google or Amazon's servers isn't a solution—it's a problem dressed up as "economic opportunity." Real opportunity comes from investing in infrastructure and policies that serve everyday residents first, not squeezing our grid to subsidize the next mega-development.

Under Executive Order 25-17, agencies are supposed to compare Indiana's environmental

rules to other states and cut costs—but that shouldn't translate into undermining protections that actually work. For example, states like Michigan and Illinois allow conditional waivers in permitting, but only when safety and the environment aren't compromised. Indiana should adopt a similar model—streamline paperwork and move to digital permitting, but keep core standards intact. If a business can prove it meets or exceeds protection levels through new tech or monitoring, IDEM could issue a waiver. That's how you lighten regulatory costs without gutting oversight.

At the same time, Indiana's permit fees are some of the lowest in the region. Indiana charges as little as \$50 for industrial wastewater permits and \$31,300 for landfill permits—while Ohio and Illinois charge \$7,500–\$20,000 and up to \$142,000. That's a bargain—and yes, we want affordable, timely permits—but when fees are this low, IDEM can't maintain staff or oversight. In 2023, the EPA warned Indiana it might lose federal authority to enforce air pollution unless fees increased and more inspectors were funded. We can't expect strong enforcement or timely service when IDEM is underfunded. A smarter approach would be to tie fees to the actual cost of oversight, with a hard cap and regular review—keep it fair, but functional. And when IDEM benchmarks itself, don't just chase speed. Chase accountability. Tell people where their application stands. Explain delays. Show your work. That's how you build real trust—and real opportunity—for Hoosiers.

EO 25-38 directs regulators to avoid placing “unnecessary burdens on businesses, communities, agencies, or industries.” Notice how it puts communities right alongside businesses—not as an afterthought. That matters. Cutting a \$10,000-a-year inspection or minor reporting requirement might be a nice break for a company—but if it ends up costing a nearby community millions in healthcare, environmental cleanup, or lost quality of life, that burden isn't “unnecessary”—it's destructive.

Take 326 IAC 2-6, Indiana's emissions-reporting rule. Currently, industries must file annual or triennial statements depending on county and pollution thresholds—this supports monitoring of NO_x, SO₂, PM₁₀, VOCs, CO, and lead. Suppose IDEM relaxes these for cost savings. Loss of pollution visibility could worsen air quality—a Purdue report warns climate-related health issues are on the rise already, including asthma and heat-related illnesses. A separate study shows fine particulate pollution already costs Indiana over \$5 billion annually from premature deaths, illness, and lost productivity. Even small emission increases from unchecked industries would push more families into hospitals and ERs, imposing massive burdens on communities and taxpayers. And that's just one rule change.

When IDEM weighs regulatory changes, it must compare not just corporate savings but community costs. If a regulation saves a business \$10 K but results in even \$200 K in health or environmental damages—or worse, millions in cumulative impacts—that change fails the “unnecessary burden” test. Communities deserve rules that protect them—not give shortcuts to industries at public expense. When reviewing rules under EO 25-38, a calculation is needed: is the benefit to the community equal—or greater—than any relief given to business? If not, the community's health wins every time.

A few specific rules:

Maintain State Coal Ash Rules (327 IAC 17 / Indiana Coal Ash Regulations)

Issue: Indiana's coal ash rules under the Water Pollution Control Board and Indiana Code (e.g., closure requirements for ash impoundments) exceed federal standards—because our ash ponds, like at Clifty Creek, sit near rivers and aquifers at risk of flooding or groundwater seepage. If IDEM rolls back these protections to match federal minimums, we risk heavy metals—arsenic, cadmium, mercury—leaching into local drinking water.

Cost Data: Cleanup at the Dan River spill in NC cost over \$120 million, spread across utilities and taxpayers. Even smaller seep events often reach \$5–10 million in testing and remediation.

Proposal: Keep Indiana's rules intact. To reduce burden, allow phased compliance plans for utilities—e.g., incremental pond upgrades over 5 years—with clear timelines and public

reporting. That eases financial strain but keeps groundwater protected.

Preserve Tight Stormwater Permitting (327 IAC 5-4-6)

Issue: Indiana requires individual NPDES permits for stormwater discharges contributing to water quality degradation—a stricter approach than federal general permits. Weakening this to federal minimums would allow developers and municipalities to bypass site-specific review—leading to increased sediment, nutrient runoff, and flooding in Indiana waters.

Cost Data: A 2022 Indiana study estimated poor stormwater controls add \$150–200 million/year in water treatment and flood repair costs. Local communities spend an average of \$25,000 per construction site in retroactive fixes.

Proposal: Retain site-specific review under 327 IAC 5-4-6, but introduce tiered permitting: low-impact sites qualify for simplified general permits, while high-risk or large-scale projects still require individual review. This cuts costs and effort for compliant developers without undermining local water quality.

Modernize Continuous Emissions Monitoring (326 IAC 3-5-1)

Issue: Indiana's rules require continuous emissions monitoring (CEMS) for large fossil fuel sources—boilers, refineries—under 326 IAC 3-5-1. Maintaining CEMS systems can cost between \$50,000–\$100,000 yearly per unit (installation, calibration, data compliance). Still, these systems are crucial for tracking key pollutants like SO₂, NO_x, PM_{2.5} that directly impact public health.

Proposal: Allow conditional waivers from CEMS if a facility uses an equivalent method (e.g., advanced portable monitors, remote sensing, or periodic third-party audits) that reliably tracks emissions. Models like this are used in 326 IAC 1-6-1, and are viable in other Midwestern states.

Benefit: Facilities can save on CEMS while IDEM still gets accurate pollution data. Communities maintain protection, and IDEM saves on oversight effort—no loss in environmental quality.

Expand VOC Degreaser Exemption (326 IAC 8-3-1)

Issue: Current rule 326 IAC 8-3-1(a)(1) exempts cold degreasers emitting <15 lb VOC/day. A recent IDEM change allowed this exemption, easing costs for small manufacturers but only in limited cases.

Proposal: Raise the threshold to 25 lb/day, aligning with Illinois and Ohio, and clear up ambiguity in calculating emissions to avoid misuse. Build this amendment into 326 IAC 8-3-1 with precise definitions and clear documentation procedures.

Benefit: Hundreds of small shops and manufacturers could avoid expensive stack-tests or unnecessary paperwork—saving each \$2,000–\$5,000 annually in compliance—while pollution remains minimal and health risk unchanged.

Water Well Drilling Standards – 312 IAC 12-3-1

Current rule: ^[SEP]Under 312 IAC 12-3-1, wells drilled into unconsolidated aquifers must follow strict casing and depth requirements—minimum 2" casing, specific casing depths, and proper pump placement—to prevent contamination, collapse, and maintain long-term groundwater access. These protections are especially critical in high-use agricultural and rural areas like Tippecanoe County.

Community risk if weakened: ^[SEP]Lowering Indiana's standards to match the minimal federal baseline would directly threaten groundwater safety. In regions with aging infrastructure or shallow aquifers, inadequate casing and poor installation increase the risk of pulling sand, bacteria, or nitrates into the water supply. Wells can collapse or become unusable—forcing families and farms to spend \$5,000–\$10,000 on replacement. These aren't "burdensome" rules—they're guardrails that keep rural Hoosiers from losing access to clean, safe water.

Smart modification: ^[SEP]Retain Indiana's current well construction standards—they're essential. But IDEM could streamline the administrative side:

Allow digital permit submittals and online documentation (photos, GPS, drilling logs) for low-risk, residential wells to cut paperwork and reduce staff travel time.

For well caps, visible casing, and site compliance (e.g., location away from livestock pens or

fuel storage), a live video call or photo series could allow verification—paired with GPS-tagged metadata. This only makes sense for simple, low-risk jobs that already passed an initial physical inspection.

Use remote inspections only for basic visual checks (e.g., visible casing, cap installation, distance from contaminants), submitted via video or live call—but never for verifying casing depth, grouting, or water quality. Those still require on-site inspection or lab testing, and should remain mandatory.

Provide fee waivers or reduced fees for replacement wells under 150' in low-income or emergency situations—e.g., collapse, contamination, or drought response.

Surface Water Withdrawal Permit – 312 IAC 6.3 (Water Sale & Withdrawal)

Current rule:

Rule 312 IAC 6.3, tied to IC 14-25-2, governs water sales from state-financed reservoirs and large withdrawals. It requires conservation plans and DNR/IDEM review before significant water is drawn.

Community risk if aligned to federal baseline:

Federal law offers no oversight for large withdrawals from state land or reservoirs.

Loosening this rule would allow projects like the LEAP proposal to proceed without baseline impact assessments—putting neighboring municipalities, agriculture, and sensitive ecosystems at risk.

Proposed enhancement:

Strengthen the rule—add mandatory baseline hydrology studies, public dashboards showing withdrawal data, and annual community hearing requirements. At the same time, exempt low-impact municipal systems (under 500,000 gal/month) from full review. That protects resource integrity while reducing red tape for small users.

Wetland Protections & Permit Requirements – 327 IAC 17

Current rule: ^[SEP]Under 327 IAC 17, IDEM regulates isolated wetlands not protected by federal law, using a tiered permit system that requires mitigation or avoidance depending on wetland class. Class III wetlands—those with the highest ecological value—require the most stringent review.

Community risk if aligned to federal baseline: ^[SEP]Federal protections only apply to wetlands connected to navigable waters. Indiana has already lost over 85% of its original wetlands, and removing IDEM's Class III protections would leave isolated, high-functioning wetlands vulnerable to development and drainage without review. This would increase flood risk, water pollution, and habitat loss—particularly in areas like Lake, Porter, and Tippecanoe counties. Communities downstream would absorb millions in flood damages and water treatment costs as a result. After the Supreme Court's 2023 Sackett v. EPA decision, many isolated wetlands lost federal protection. If Indiana repealed or weakened 327 IAC 17, no authority would remain to stop their destruction. That would accelerate loss of flood protection, groundwater recharge, and biodiversity—especially in suburban, agricultural, and upland regions. The EPA values wetlands at \$14,000/acre/year in services; their destruction imposes public costs far exceeding any permitting “burden.”

Smart modification: ^[SEP]Keep Class III wetland review in place. To reduce cost and time for applicants:

Offer fast-track review (30 days or less) for projects that avoid wetlands entirely and submit certified delineation maps.

Allow off-site mitigation only if the impact area is under 0.25 acre and no alternative exists.

Establish a statewide mitigation bank locator so developers can comply faster, while ensuring local ecological function isn't lost.

Biosolids & Industrial Sludge – 327 IAC 6 & 6.1

Current rule: ^[SEP]Rules 327 IAC 6 and 6.1 regulate the land application and storage of biosolids and industrial waste products. These include buffer zones, nutrient management requirements, and conditions requiring public notice and hearings when new storage or application sites are proposed near sensitive areas.

Community risk if aligned to federal baseline: ^[SEP]Federal rules (40 CFR Part 503) are broad

and do not require state-level public hearings or tailored local protections. Eliminating Indiana's stronger requirements could lead to biosolids being stored or spread too close to wells, schools, or homes—impacting air quality, contaminating water, and reducing nearby property values. In several Indiana counties (Bartholomew, Boone, Henry), IDEM hearings were the only opportunity for residents to oppose harmful siting.

Smart modification: ^[SEP]Preserve public hearing triggers, but modernize how they're conducted:

Allow virtual attendance and comment submission to reduce the burden on citizens.

Provide early notifications via email and SMS opt-ins to improve outreach.

Use a tiered review system: low-nitrogen biosolids with no industrial content could be reviewed faster; complex industrial sludges would still require full public process.

Carbon Sequestration Oversight – 312 IAC 15 (Class VI Wells)

Current rule: ^[SEP]IDEM administers carbon sequestration projects using Class VI injection well standards under 312 IAC 15, mirroring federal EPA rules but allowing additional conditions tied to state groundwater and public safety protections.

Community risk if aligned to federal baseline: ^[SEP]Federal rules allow injection if basic geologic conditions are met—but do not mandate local public meetings, or long-term monitoring transparency. Communities near proposed injection sites (like in Vigo and Vermillion counties) have raised concerns about CO₂ leakage, water contamination, and seismic activity. Without strong state oversight, residents could face damage or health impacts without recourse or notification.

Smart modification: ^[SEP]Keep IDEM's enhanced review and monitoring role, but:

Require public disclosure dashboards showing injection pressure, monitoring well results, and fault mapping.

Mandate pre-injection water sampling and post-injection monitoring for at least 10 years, paid for by the developer.

Allow local governments to appoint community oversight liaisons with access to monitoring data and emergency protocols.

Major Air Pollution Source Permitting – 326 IAC 2-2 & 2-2.1

Current rule: ^[SEP]Under 326 IAC 2-2 and 2-2.1, Indiana implements New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting with stricter requirements than federal law. These include mandatory public notice, enhanced dispersion modeling—even when federal thresholds are met—and third-party air quality reports (see 326 IAC 2-2-10). These are especially enforced in counties with existing air quality concerns.

Community risk if aligned to federal baseline: ^[SEP]The federal PSD rule (40 CFR 52.21) does not require state-specific modeling or local public engagement. Weakening Indiana's rule could result in spikes of NO_x, SO₂, and particulate matter—particularly near urban and industrial corridors in Lake, Porter, Marion, and Vanderburgh counties. These communities already shoulder higher asthma and cardiovascular disease burdens, and reduced oversight would raise long-term public health and economic costs.

Smart modification: ^[SEP]Retain enhanced modeling and public-notice requirements, but allow: Conditional waivers if facilities provide documented air quality equivalence through continuous monitoring or enforceable Title V permit limits.

Online modeling pre-submission review, saving IDEM and applicants time. ^[SEP]This keeps air protections strong while speeding up low-risk projects that meet or exceed environmental benchmarks.

Wetland Activity Permits – 327 IAC 17

Current rule: ^[SEP]Under 327 IAC 17, IDEM regulates impacts to isolated wetlands—those not covered by federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction. Indiana's system classifies wetlands based on ecological value and requires permitting or mitigation for disturbances, per Ind. Code 13-18-22.

Community risk if aligned to federal baseline: ^[SEP]After the Supreme Court's 2023 Sackett v. EPA decision, many isolated wetlands lost federal protection. If Indiana repealed or weakened 327 IAC 17, no authority would remain to stop their destruction. That would

accelerate loss of flood protection, groundwater recharge, and biodiversity—especially in suburban, agricultural, and upland regions. The EPA values wetlands at \$14,000/acre/year in services; their destruction imposes public costs far exceeding any permitting “burden.” Smart modification:^[1]^[SEP] Maintain Indiana’s wetland classification and permit framework, but: Add a general permit option for disturbances under 0.1 acre with minimal ecological value (e.g., old agricultural ditches). Provide a clear permit checklist and 30-day fast-track for qualifying projects.^[1]^[SEP] This supports farmers and small developers without opening the door to unregulated destruction.

Indiana is right to avoid unnecessary red tape—but that doesn’t mean weakening protections that matter. IDEM should modernize and streamline—create conditional waivers, general permits, and digital submissions to cut costs, while keeping the substance intact. These changes support both economic efficiency and long-term public health.

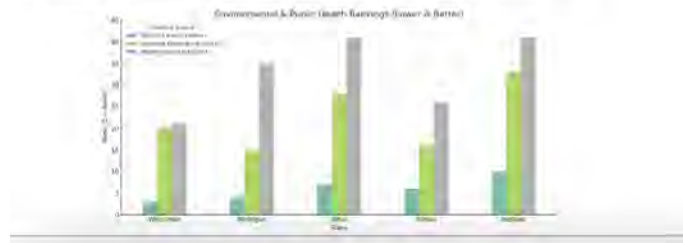
Neighboring states show that higher wages coexist with sustainable economies and environmental standards. Stronger environmental protections have not prevented neighbor states from attracting higher-quality jobs and better wages.

Respectfully submitted,
Jami Cooper
Lafayette, Indiana

State	New Jobs Created (10 yrs)	Net Gain	% Growth	Jobs / 1,000	% Full-Time, Year-Round Jobs	Median Hourly Wage (2024 est.)	Growth Sectors	Lagging Sectors
Indiana	+700,000	+320K	10.8%	47	75%	\$21.50	Healthcare, Warehousing, Hospitality	Manufacturing, Retail
Ohio	+1,100,000	+540K	10.7%	47	74%	\$22.30	Healthcare, Logistics	Manufacturing
Michigan	+950,000	+460K	10.8%	46	77%	\$22.90	Auto, Health, Professional	Tech
Illinois	+1,000,000	+600K	9.9%	48	78%	\$24.00	Finance, Healthcare, Tech/R&D	Manufacturing
Wisconsin	+550,000	+300K	10.9%	51	76%	\$23.10	Manufacturing, Ag, Health	Tech

State	Avg Hourly Earnings (2024)	Avg Weekly Hours	Avg Weekly Earnings
Illinois	\$33.77/hour	33.4 hours	\$1,127.92
Indiana	\$30.58/hour	33.8 hours	\$1,033.60
Michigan	\$32.37/hour	34.0 hours	\$1,100.58
Ohio	\$31.93/hour	34.1 hours	\$1,088.81
Wisconsin	\$34.07/hour	32.8 hours	\$1,117.50

State	**Business Tax Incentives (Rank / 50)**1	**Business Taxes Paid (Tax Burden Rank / 50)**2	**Business Regulation (Ease of Doing Business Rank / 50)**3
Indiana	12 (above average)	14 (low burden)	15 (less regulated, easier)
Illinois	30 (below average)	45 (high burden)	40 (more regulated, harder)
Ohio	18 (good incentives)	20 (moderate burden)	22 (moderate regulation)
Michigan	25 (average)	28 (moderate burden)	30 (moderate to stricter regulation)
Wisconsin	20 (average-good incentives)	22 (moderate burden)	25 (moderate regulation)



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This is an urgent request for your help. Governor Braun has signed an executive order ([EO 25-38](<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/EO-25-38.pdf>)) that directs state agencies to review and potentially roll back any Indiana environmental regulation that is stronger than the federal minimum.

Why This Matters:

Clean Air & Water: Federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.

State Flexibility: This order ties our own state experts' hands, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governors office who have showed no commitment to environmental protections.

Let's Talk About the Flawed Economic Argument

The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. **This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic *benefits* of a healthy environment.**

Here are the flaws in that argument:

- **It Ignores Healthcare Costs:** Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.
- **It Hurts Tourism and Recreation:** Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state

forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.

- **It's Not a Cost Savings, It's a Cost *Shift*:** This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive—they are deeply connected.

- Sincerely,

a Hoosier that sees the true value in protecting our state

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I am a resident of Fort Wayne Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Profit over people and nature. Disgusting

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I am a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Thank you

From: [Sophie Liese](#)
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Good afternoon,

I'm writing to vocally oppose executive order 25-38.

Federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean. This order ties our own state experts' hands, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governors office who have showed no commitment to environmental protections.

Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce. Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.

This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive; they are inherently interconnected. I recently came back from a trip to Minnesota, and my biggest takeaway was how clean the water was. I could drink water from the tap and not worry about hard minerals or pollution. The air was easier to breathe, and the environment more pleasant to be in all around because of their environmental consciousness.

I urge you to take into consideration how much this order will negatively impact every person and business in the state.

Sophie Liese

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I am a resident of Fishers, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Julie Hardesty](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Hello - I am a citizen of Monroe County in Indiana and I would like to make a public comment regarding the Governor's executive order 25-38 that directs state agencies to review and possibly roll back any Indiana environmental regulation that is stronger than the federal government regulations in place. These instructions from the governor are highly concerning in two regards:

1. Federal standards for clean air and water are a floor, not a ceiling. That should be our minimum requirement as a state for Hoosier health and safety, not the maximum. We have problems particular to our state (coal ash sites and factory farms, for example) and those likely require stronger rules than federal standards require to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.
2. If we tie ourselves to the federal standards moving forward then we are unable to address our own environmental problems. We end up having to wait for federal guidelines to change and cannot act more quickly if needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comment,
Julie Hardesty
Bloomington, Indiana 47403

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Hello,

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Thank you for your time,
Chelsea W.

From: [Gia Raterman](#)
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This is a request that this executive order signed by Governor Braun be tabled. This will harm indiana waterways and drinking water. The effects will trickle down to our State Parks and recreation. Keep Indiana regulation the way it is now. The bare minimum Federal Regulations are not enough, especially now that big AI centers have been approved for the state. This is a slap in the face to the farmers who have painstakingly become involved in the River Friendly Farmers Program, and take pride that they are doing their part to keep this state clean and healthy for future generations.

Our lawmakers and representatives have a duty to protect this state and all its residents, now and in the future, especially now the federal government is dropping the ball on environmental issues.

Thank you, Gia Raterman

From: [Evan White](#)
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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Lawrence McDonald](#)
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As a resident of Northwest Indiana, I strongly oppose EO 25-38. I believe it will not only be detrimental to the environment, but it will affect healthcare costs as well as tourism. I believe federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean

Sincerely,
Lawrence McDonald
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jean Akers](#)
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Public comment opposing Executive Order 25-28

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I oppose this executive order. If this would go into effect it would take more money out of the pockets of Hoosiers by having them pay for industries pollution. Those who profit would be let off of the hook for these costs. It would shift the cost to Hoosier residents and NOT be a cost savings. It would hurt Indiana's tourism. Clean water is essential for all living people. We have beautiful streams and rivers to boat and kayak on. Lets keep them that way. It would increase healthcare costs with more pollution. Make Indiana a place for people to want to live and play and not a dumping ground for more pollution.

Sincerely,

Jean Akers
Cicero, IN

From: [Luke Hoefer](#)
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To Whom It May Concern,

I stand strongly against Executive Order 25-38. Not only do I believe that we should do everything we can to protect and preserve our environment, but I believe the perceived savings are illusory.

While our environment and resources should be protected at any cost, this effort to save money will shift from the government to the public. Instead of paying for these protections through our taxes, we will be paying for a lack of environmental control through higher health costs due to poor air and water quality, lower tourism revenue resulting from the same, and sunk costs due to pollution and bacteria that could affect produce and other products.

This executive order is short-sided and hurts Hoosiers. It should be reconsidered and abandoned.

From: [Tom Odom](#)
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As a long-time Indiana resident, I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Governor's Executive Order 25-38. As a healthcare professional I am very concerned this will lead to increases in pollution that will worsen and cause health problems in our state's residents. Any putative economic gains may well lead to increased healthcare costs to the public, some of whom may be ill-equipped to handle the additional financial burden. Increased pollution of our parks, rivers and lakes may keep tourism dollars away. This will all COST the state in the long run, to say nothing about the degradation of quality of life for Hoosiers. Again, please note my strong opposition to this short-sided order. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

From: [Téa Schmidt](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Hello,

My name is Téa Schmidt. I am a life long resident of the State of Indiana. I am now 23 years old and I feel as though there have been many incorrect choices for the state. My most recent concern in regarding Executive Order 25-38.

The Environment is very important and we must protect it. WE LIVE HERE!

- **Clean Air & Water:** Federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.
- **State Flexibility:** This order ties our own state experts' hands, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governors office who have showed no commitment to environmental protections.

This decision being in regards to economic growth is a flawed argument. The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic benefits of a healthy environment. The economy can only matter to those healthy enough to enjoy it!

- **It Ignores Healthcare Costs:** Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.
- **It Hurts Tourism and Recreation:** Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.
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We are one of the lowest ranked states in regards to healthcare, we can't risk harming our citizens and the planet for a few "extra" dollars.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive—they are deeply connected.

Thank you,
Téa Schmidt

From: [Chris Heaton](#)
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Subject: Opposition to Executive Order 25-38
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To whom this may concern,

Formally stating my opposition to Executive Order 25–38 considering a loosening or reduction of environmental regulations.

Reducing regulations to federal standards would cause backsliding of environmental quality. The basis of environmental regulation is to continue to grow to a more harmonious culture. IDEM has come a long way since 1989, I am familiar with and appreciative of the environmental efforts. Significant efforts have been made over the years reducing air and water pollution from a multitude of sources. Please continue down this path of betterment.

Thank you for your time,
Chris Heaton
Lakeville IN

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Hello,

I am a born and raised Hoosier living in Warrick county Indiana. I was recently made aware of Governor Braun's signing of executive order EO 25-38 directing that state agencies review and potentially roll back any Indiana environmental regulation that is stronger than the federal minimum.

I feel that this order is harmful to our state and ignores the benefits of a healthy environment for what seems like very little economic gain. If left, this order has the potential to increase issues with health such as allergies or asthma (will increase health care costs) and cause rivers, lakes, forests, and other natural resources to decline in quality.

Please think about reversing this order.

Thank you for your time.

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Please see attached requested comments regarding environmental regulations and Executive Order 25-38.

Thank you,

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Comments Regarding Indiana Environmental Regulations and Executive Order 25-38

Background Discussion

From the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) website: "The Excess Liability Trust Fund (ELTF) is a dedicated state trust fund that serves as a financial responsibility mechanism for underground storage tank (UST) owners and operators. It provides their federally mandated financial assurance and is a source of money to pay for cleanup or compensate third parties for any injuries or damages associated with releases from regulated USTs."

The ELTF was established to help meet federal requirements for financial responsibility (FR) for underground storage tank (UST) owners and operators. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), *Financial Responsibility For Underground Storage Tanks: A Reference Manual* (EPA 510-B-00-003 January 2000), "The funds assured through the various allowable FR mechanisms establish a safety net that finances immediate and thorough corrective action when a release is detected and before the spread of contamination." This program, as designed, supports businesses while also ensuring responsible environmental protection and stewardship by providing financial assistance for the cleanup of contamination from a petroleum storage tank.

However, for approximately the last 9 years, IDEM has effectively eliminated all reimbursement for cleanup of petroleum contamination from storage tanks; instead, closing sites with institutional and/or engineering controls and leaving all contamination in place, whether that contamination has migrated to off-site third party properties or not. These controls are restrictions in the form of an Environmental Restrictive Covenant (ERC) placed on a property deed, which stays with the deed in perpetuity. This includes ERCs placed on deeds of any neighboring properties affected by the release (third party property owners who did not cause the release). The specific restrictions included within an individual ERC are determined by site and contaminant conditions, but can include any one or more of the following (from IDEM's ERC template: note, text in blue is instructional or part of a drop down menu to be modified based on site specific requirements):

The Owner:

- (a) Shall not use or allow the use of the Real Estate for residential purposes, including, but not limited to, daily childcare facilities or educational facilities for children (e.g., daycare centers or K-12 schools).

- (b) Shall not use or allow the use or extraction of groundwater at the Real Estate for any purpose, including, but not limited to human or animal consumption, gardening, industrial processes, or agriculture, except that groundwater may be extracted in conjunction with environmental investigation and/or remediation activities.
- (c) Shall not use the Real Estate for any agricultural use.
- (d) Shall restore soil disturbed as a result of excavation and construction activities in such a manner that the remaining contaminant concentrations do not present a threat to human health or the environment. This determination shall be made using the Department's current risk based guidance. Upon the Department's request, the Owner shall provide the Department written evidence (including sampling data) showing the excavated and restored area, and any other area affected by the excavation, do not represent such a threat. Contaminated soils that are excavated must be managed in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws; and disposal of such soils must also be done in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws.
- (e) Shall neither engage in nor allow excavation of soil at depths greater than [depth restriction](#) feet in the area identified via [Choose an item](#) as the "Construction Worker Restriction Area" depicted on Exhibit Choose an item. The Owner, upon the Department's request, shall provide the Department evidence showing the excavated and restored area do not represent a threat to human health or the environment. In accordance with [insert title and date of the IDEM approved Soil Management Plan](#), described in VFC #[VFC Number](#), and any IDEM approved updates.
- (f) Prior to the change in use of the site or construction of new structures to be occupied by persons at the Real Estate, the current Owner of the Real Estate shall confirm there is no unacceptable exposure risk due to vapor migration in accordance with then-applicable agency guidance, regulation, or law. This may include conducting groundwater, soil, indoor air and/or soil-gas sampling for volatile organic compounds ("VOCs") or semi-volatile organic compounds ("SVOCs"), with an IDEM approved sampling plan. The results and analyses of such sampling shall be presented to IDEM in support of the Owner's determination whether an unacceptable vapor exposure risk exists. If the results demonstrate that no such risk exists, IDEM will provide its concurrence in writing and grant the Owner a waiver of this restriction for the proposed change in site use and/or new construction. If the results demonstrate that an unacceptable risk to human health exists, then the Owner must submit plans for mitigation for approval by IDEM and must



conduct adequate indoor air sampling to demonstrate the effectiveness of the approved remedy.

- (g) Shall not construct or allow occupancy of a dwelling or workspace on the Real Estate unless a vapor mitigation system or other effective IDEM approved remedy is installed, operated, and maintained within the dwelling or workspace. IDEM may waive this restriction in writing if the Owner has provided data and analysis demonstrating to IDEM's satisfaction that there is no unacceptable risk to human health via the vapor intrusion exposure pathway.
- (h) Shall confirm there is no unacceptable exposure risk due to vapor migration in accordance with then-applicable agency guidance, regulation, or law in both of the following situations:
 - i. After the use of [insert a list of the COCs currently in use at the facility](#) inside the building at the Real Estate ceases; and/or
 - ii. When any new structures to be occupied by persons at the Real Estate are constructed.

Both situations require an IDEM-approved sampling plan and may include conducting groundwater, soil, indoor air, and/or soil-gas sampling for volatile organic compounds ("VOCs") or semi-volatile organic compounds ("SVOCs"). The results and analyses of such sampling shall be presented to IDEM in support of the Owner's determination whether an unacceptable vapor exposure risk exists. If the results demonstrate that no such risk exists, IDEM will provide its concurrence in writing and grant the Owner a waiver of this restriction for the proposed change in site use and/or new construction. If the results demonstrate that an unacceptable risk to human health exists, then the Owner must submit plans for mitigation for approval by IDEM and must conduct adequate indoor air sampling to demonstrate the effectiveness of the approved remedy.

- (i) Shall operate and maintain the [type of engineered control](#), identified via Choose an item, and depicted in Exhibit Choose an item, so as to protect its functional integrity in accordance with [insert title and date of the document containing operations and maintenance requirements](#) described in VFC #[VFC Number](#) and all subsequent IDEM approved revisions. Owner shall notify the Department in writing at least fifteen (15) days in advance of conducting any construction or excavation work that may impact an engineered control unless an emergency exists. Owner shall ensure that the integrity of the [type of engineered control](#) is restored immediately after disturbance by any construction or excavation work. Upon IDEM's request, the Owner shall provide written evidence showing the [type of engineered control](#) has been restored to its complete integrity.



- (j) Shall maintain the integrity of the existing [type of passive engineered control](#), which is depicted on Exhibit [Choose an item](#) via [Choose an item](#); this [type of passive engineered control](#) serves as an engineered barrier to prevent direct contact with the underlying soils and must not be excavated, removed, disturbed, demolished, or allowed to fall into disrepair in accordance with [insert title of the document containing maintenance requirements](#) described in VFC #[VFC Number](#) and all subsequent IDEM approved revisions.
- (k) Shall prohibit any activity at the Real Estate that may interfere with the groundwater monitoring or well network as depicted on Exhibit [Choose an item](#) via [Choose an item](#).

While a risk based closure utilizing controls is a viable option for addressing contamination from a release, there is currently no cleanup of ELTF eligible petroleum releases. All contamination remains in place and IDEM will not approve proposals for remedies that are intended to reduce or eliminate contamination even though the ELTF is intended to be “a source of money to pay for cleanup or compensate third parties for any injuries or damages associated with releases from regulated USTs.”

While it is true that utilizing institutional controls to prevent exposure to contamination is often the fastest and least expensive approach to receiving No Further Action (NFA) status for a release, there are additional costs, both direct and indirect, associated with ERCs post closure that are not factored into decision making by IDEM. These costs can include potential loss in value to the property, costs associated with handling contaminated material during any development/redevelopment, additional investigation/correspondence with IDEM prior to development/redevelopment, and/or installation and maintenance of engineering controls. For example, one of Creek Run’s clients had over \$200,000 in costs associated with handling residual contamination in soil and groundwater during redevelopment of a property that had received NFA status under different ownership utilizing an ERC. Because these costs were incurred after NFA was received, they were not eligible for reimbursement from the fund even though they were part of, or due to, the remedy for the release (complying with the restrictions in the ERC). These restrictions and costs would also apply to any third party properties contaminated by a release.

Also, IDEM often will not approve reimbursement of costs to complete sufficient investigation and/or the development of a corrective action plan that provides a detailed analysis of contaminant conditions, plume behavior, and potential receptors in order to fully understand the exposure risks associated with the release. This often results in ERCs that are overly restrictive and/or applies restrictions to an entire property even though only a small percentage of the property is contaminated.

The strict use of ERCs in lieu of actual cleanup unnecessarily burdens owners and operators of UST systems as well as innocent landowners of neighboring properties



impacted by a release, significantly increasing costs to the owners and operators that are not reimbursed by the ELTF, and does not benefit Indiana's environment.

Current Relevant Laws and Rules

IDEM has repeatedly stated that, according to 329 IAC and IC 13-23, they do not have the authority to require anything more than what is necessary to be protective of human health and the environment, and that according to 328 IAC and IC 13-23, the ELTF can only reimburse for those costs that are deemed necessary. Thus, costs for remedies other than use of ERCs are not eligible for reimbursement.

It should be noted that according to IC 13-23-13-1 the commissioner may, under rules adopted under IC 13-23-1-2, require the owner or operator of an underground storage tank or aboveground storage tank to undertake corrective action with respect to any release of a regulated substance. However, the rules adopted under IC-13-23-1-2 regarding corrective action (329 IAC 9-5) have been repealed, with no apparent replacement. Therefore, it appears there is no clear indication of under what conditions the commissioner may require corrective actions. This lack of clarity results in inconsistency and uncertainty regarding what options responsible parties have regarding corrective actions. It is also unclear how this supports IDEM's assertion that corrective actions other than ERCs are ineligible for reimbursement.

In comparison, the Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks Regulations (BUSTR) and Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board (PUSTRCB) allows use of institutional controls as part of a remedy for petroleum releases, but controls are not limited to being the only option available to owners/operators. In Ohio, institutional or engineering controls are most often used to address residual contamination after cleanup efforts have been completed to the extent practicable.

Recommendations

Creek Run recommends that Indiana Code and Indiana Administrative Code be evaluated and modified as appropriate such that decisions for use of ERCs on release sites as a remedy are based on science and include a full investigation and analysis of contaminant conditions, including sufficient monitoring to determine plume behavior/stability, as well as an evaluation of potential future costs and impacts to innocent third party property owners. Further, any release incident that would not be eligible for unrestricted NFA status should be required to have a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) prepared and submitted to IDEM for review. A CAP should include information regarding the following factors for consideration by the commissioner:

- The physical and chemical characteristics of the regulated substance, including its toxicity, persistence, and potential for migration.
- The hydrogeologic characteristics of the facility and the surrounding area.



- The proximity, quality, and current and future uses of nearby surface water and ground water.
- The potential effects of a residual contaminant on nearby surface water and ground water.
- The proximity of potential contaminant receptors, including:
 - o adjacent properties;
 - o wells;
 - o well fields; or
 - o wellhead protection areas
- An exposure assessment.
- An evaluation of potential remedies which may include but not be limited to institutional and/or engineering controls.
- The suitability of the chosen remediation method for site conditions.

The purposes of the ELTF according to IC 13-23-7-1 include providing a source of money to satisfy liabilities for corrective action for petroleum storage tanks and for the indemnification of third parties. Use of an ERC as the sole corrective action for the release site should be an option for the responsible party, but not a requirement. Furthermore, requiring innocent landowners of neighboring properties to place restrictions on their deed via an ERC should never be required and only increases the likelihood of higher third party indemnification costs. Cleanup of the contamination on third party properties to unrestricted levels and reduction of contaminants on the release property to reduce the number of potential restrictions and associated long term costs, at a minimum, should be allowed and eligible for reimbursement. If an ERC is to be utilized as part of a remedy, we recommend that a universal system be established in statute and/or rule for more consistent determination of appropriate restrictions and restricted area(s). This would include the collection and analysis of sufficient data to accurately determine the appropriate restrictions and area(s) to be restricted based on the scientific data. Uncertainties should be further investigated as opposed to simply over-restricting a property to compensate for the uncertainties.

We recommend that the Petroleum Storage Tank Financial Assurance Board (FAB), which was established under IC 13-23-11, exercise its authority to adopt rules and establish standards and procedures under which ELTF claims are paid. We recommend the FAB re-evaluate current and, if necessary, adopt new rules in cooperation with the regulated community, their consultants, and representatives, regarding payment of claims from the ELTF under IC 13-23-8 with the goal of ensuring that reimbursement of costs associated with limited cleanup of contamination, not solely ERCs, are eligible for reimbursement.



Implementing these recommendations will support businesses who own and/or operate petroleum tank systems, enable development/redevelopment while reducing unnecessary costs and burden associated with residual contamination and compliance with an ERC, protect innocent third party landowners, and ensure responsible environmental protection and stewardship.



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Senior Project Manager / Operations VP



From: [Mike Furfaro](#)
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Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 9:16:13 AM

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Good morning

I would like to comment on the inclusion of aerosol cans in 326 IAC 8-2-9, “Miscellaneous Metal and Plastic Parts Coatings”. While the inclusion of non refillable aerosol containers are not discussed in 326 IAC 8-2-9, the rule is being interpreted by IDEM to include them if they coat metal. It is unduly burdensome activity when the manufacturing industry is attempting to use the daily weighted average to show compliance with this rule.

This exemption is reflected in the EPA Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) document “Miscellaneous Metal and Plastic Parts Coatings”, EPA-453/R-08-003, September 2008. It explicitly states **aerosol coatings** (sealants, adhesives, and floor preparation materials) **are not** included in miscellaneous metal parts or plastic parts coating categories.

Also, in 40 CFR 63.3881(a)(1), “*Subpart MMMM— National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Metal Parts and Products*”, the federal equivalent to 326 IAC 8-2-9, states the following:

“.....Coating application with **handheld, non-refillable aerosol containers, touch-up markers, marking pens**, or the application of paper film or plastic film which may be pre-coated with an adhesive by the manufacturer **are not coating operations for the purposes of this subpart.**”

Therefore, the requirement to include aerosol coatings for compliance determinations under 326 IAC 8-2-9 is unduly burdensome and exceeds the requirements set forth by the EPA for Subpart MMMM. The rule should be amended to exempt the aerosol cans according to the EPA standard..

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input

Michael Furfaro

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From: [Couch, Gregory](#)
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[image003.png](#)
[INDOT Pumping for Pipe Liner Fact Sheet Modified 6.20.2025.pdf](#)

Attached is a condensed Fact Sheet shared with regulators during a recent INDOT meeting.

- The issue has been raised since 2022.
- In addition to INDOT State contracts, this may impact INDOT LPA contracts, the Indiana Toll Road, Community Crossings grants, and private pipe rehab projects.
- The Fact Sheet outlines the regulation, challenges, and a request for review.
- Regulators are aware and should already be discussing.
- Sharing this through the efficiency process may help others statewide.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Greg Couch, CISEC

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Project Fact Sheet

Pumping for Pipe Liner Installations



Project Description

Relay previous Best Management Practices (BMPs) used, additional BMPs required post 2022, additional cost, traffic and safety impacts, and request a review of regulation to find the most efficient solution.

Improvement Alternatives

Look at current and past practices, environmental impacts, regulation, cost, traffic and safety impacts, and discuss opportunities for the State of Indiana to improve.

Project Information

Historically, for pipe liners, water was dammed and pumped to the nearest outlet or wherever it was most convenient or cost efficient to maintain drainage.

In 2022, an INDOT Crawfordsville District project was required to stop pumping because of a regulator field violation. Due to the stop work violation, INDOT had to pause construction causing delays, and change order in additional BMPs, similar to what is described below in this Fact Sheet, to continue work. Later the Contractor sued for damages resulting in a large monetary judgement.

From that point forward, the regulators have required INDOT contracts to implement additional BMPs which include long pumping configurations (sometimes for miles), additional pumps, holding tanks, and water transport trucks for work that typically is completed within 24 hours.

INDOT is requesting the following information be relayed and considered:

- Modified long distance liner pumping configurations have cost INDOT up to \$85,000, or more, per contract to return flow to the water source.





- When pump trucks and holding tanks are additionally required in the permit plans, costs go up by an additional \$10,000 to \$50,000 or more, in addition to the costs relayed above. On occasion the total cost is as much as a third to half of the cost of the pipe liner contract. Requiring tanks and tanker trucks, to transport stream water to the other side of the pipe, to meet permitting conditions is not efficient and could be a misinterpretation of the regulation.



- Requesting consideration that BMPs be returned to configurations used prior to 2022. INDOT believes previous methods meet the requirement for **404 NWP 14 General Conditions 2. Aquatic Life Movements** when pumps are used with fish guards.
- INDOT recognizes that **“several 401 NWP conditions related to temporary impacts”** say BMPs **“Must not interfere with aquatic organism passage.”** However, due to how common construction pumps work with centrifugal force and heat and general information supporting that result, INDOT believes that aquatic organisms may not survive the pumping process therefore void additional BMPs requested for aquatic organism protections. INDOT believes that the current practice shows no better aquatic survival results than the previous methods used. Meaning for this work type this condition cannot be achieved with common standard equipment. It also may not be considered practical use of tax dollars to attempt to protect to a degree that may not be achievable.
- Aquatic organisms may be additionally affected more by the newly required pumping process. When long hoses are set up, sometimes for several miles, that heats up the water. Holding tanks and water trucks also heat up the water. This has a high potential to return water with thermal pollution back into the stream, thus more than likely causing more ecological damage.

Traffic (and Safety) Impacts

Additional construction equipment such as trucks egressing into live traffic, collision risk of roadside tanks, and pump and hose systems requiring frequent maintenance pose a safety risks to the motoring public, contractors, and INDOT personnel.

Project Comments

In conclusion, returning to BMP practices, used by INDOT contracts prior to 2022, would be considerably more cost efficient and could be as protective or more protective than current regulatory interpretation requirements. Note that pay item cost information listed about is a generalization and cost might vary depending on individual site conditions. There are additional INDOT and Contractor construction management administrative costs that may also be incurred. Please submit any questions or comments via phone or email to:

Greg Couch, INDOT Stormwater Team Lead, gcouch@indot.in.gov, 317-400-3384

From: [Harshini Ratnayaka](#)
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To Whom It May Concern,

Attached are Save the Dunes's comments in relation to the IDEM Public Input Evaluation (in compliance with EO 25-38). Thank you.



Kind regards,

Harshini Ratnayaka

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Save the Dunes, we respectfully submit this comment in response to Executive Order 25-38, which directs IDEM and other agencies to identify environmental regulations and policies that may be considered “excessive” or more stringent than federal requirements. As a Northwest Indiana based environmental organization dedicated to protecting the Indiana Dunes communities and ecosystems, we strongly oppose any weakening, rollback, or revocation of existing environmental protections.

Indiana already ranks among the states with one of the least stringent environmental regulations in the nation. In Northwest Indiana, where heavy industry operates directly adjacent to the Indiana Dunes National Park, along with numerous towns and communities, current protections are not just appropriate — they are essential. With six major industrial facilities along the shoreline — including some of the world’s largest steel plants — Indiana’s already minimal regulatory standards are insufficient to protect public health, air and water quality, and the ecological integrity of the Lake Michigan region from ongoing industrial pressures.

Regulations that exceed federal minimums often reflect Indiana’s unique environmental context — especially in Northwest Indiana, where water pollution in close proximity to our state’s national park demands more, not less, oversight. Weakening state-specific rules could result in:

- Increased risk of water pollution releases into Lake Michigan, the region’s primary drinking water source, which supplies fresh water to approximately half a million people in Indiana;
- Elevated health risks for frontline communities already overburdened by pollution;
- Irreparable harm to ecosystems, including critical dune and wetland habitats that exist nowhere else in the country;
- Erosion of public trust in environmental governance and transparency.

While we understand the desire to streamline regulation, any effort to rescind or diminish Indiana’s environmental rules would disproportionately harm Northwest Indiana, where our most vulnerable communities already bear the environmental costs of industrial activity. In our view, the greater opportunity lies in strengthening environmental regulations and improving enforcement — not reducing protections that are already inadequate in many cases.

We urge IDEM to reject proposals to rescind or scale back environmental regulations unless overwhelming, peer-reviewed evidence shows that the rule is unnecessary, ineffective, or redundant — not simply more stringent than federal standards. Furthermore, any regulatory



review should include meaningful engagement with affected communities and consider cumulative impacts to public health and the environment.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to comment. Save the Dunes remains committed to working alongside IDEM and state leaders to build a healthier, more resilient Indiana — but that cannot be achieved by sacrificing the very protections that safeguard our water, air, and natural areas.

Sincerely,

Harshini Ratnayaka
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Save the Dunes

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Good afternoon,

My input is not in regards to “environmental regulations and policies that may be overly burdensome to individuals, businesses...” etc. It is in fact in regards to policies that were taken away from our county locally.

The recent passage of HB 1037 stated that local policy could no longer be more stringent than the state in regards to stormwater. I have been the Dearborn County MS4 Coordinator for 14 months. Dearborn County was designated an MS4 in 2023. Since that time, local officials have put in countless hours and money to meet the requirements of an MS4. There were some facets of MS4 policy that were very much a positive to adopt, specifically in regards to post-construction stormwater measures. Post-construction stormwater measures have basically not been taken seriously in Dearborn County, and mostly that is because there was no enforcement tool for them. Becoming an MS4 changed that until HB 1037 was passed.

We have a new townhome construction site in Bright that is just under an acre. There has been a lot of development in Bright over the last 30 years. The County receives numerous phone calls from homeowners in Bright that have stormwater/drainage issues, and the area of this new construction is no exception. Now, with the passage of HB 1037, the ability to require stormwater management controls on sites less than an acre has been taken away.

What is so incredibly frustrating about this is:

1. The legislators did not consult with IDEM to determine the effects of this legislation. I don't think they truly understood what the far-reaching effects would be. Counties and municipalities are unique. As long as I have been familiar with public policy, it has been “local regulations must be as stringent or more than the state.” What a great policy! This allowed local governments the ability to tailor regulations based on their unique situation.
2. Legislation was passed, but no guidelines were given as to how MS4s should move forward. HB1037 forbids the passage of any rule or ordinance that is more strict than the Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP). But within the CSGP there are 39 references to “the local MS4”. What a circular mess. In my opinion, the CSGP now needs to be rewritten.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this input.

Sincerely,

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Hello:

I'm writing to suggest that Indiana changes procedures to incorporate by reference the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) into Indiana State rules.

I've been on the Indiana Environmental Rules Board (ERB) since it was established, when it was formed to consolidate the air, water, and land boards.

Over the years, in multiple rulemakings, we have included language to update referral to the CFR. Unfortunately, every time we updated the reference, it was not to the most current version available to the public and regulated entities. Every time that happened, State rules were not in sync with the Federal rules, requiring regulated entities have two rule books to live by.

I have commented during ERB meetings on this issue, hoping to alleviate any confusion caused by the delay of incorporation by reference of the most current CFR. Unfortunately the delay remains.

While I nor others may not agree with every new rule promulgated at the federal level, those rules are in force, and require compliance. Given that Indiana State Law requires rules be no more stringent than Federal rules, rapid adoption of Federal Rules into those of Indiana, would be most efficient adoption. In addition, while historically most new Federal rules are more stringent than the ones they replace or amend, the possibility exists that new rules can become less stringent and ease regulatory burdens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Joanne Alexandrovich

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Greetings,

I am responding to Executive Order 25-38. At the request of the Governor or his staff, please accept the attached letter for consideration.

Any questions, please contact us.

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June 4, 2025

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Honorable Governor Mike Braun
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RE: <https://www.in.gov/gov/files/EO-25-38.pdf>

Topic #1: As a certified operator, I reported to region 5 of the EPA for 10-years before IDEM. Dealing with the US EPA was a very smooth operation.

Topic #2: IDEM Water Permits: In my opinion, permit compliance is out of control. Because I work in the field, IDEM requires an Engineer sign the permits. I have seen an engineer's stamp range from \$7K to \$22K. Routine maintenance generally does not require a new permit. For example, a water softener should not require a permit.

Topic #3: Drinking water daily visits are out of control. Because I serve as a dual state operator, Michigan does not require the number of daily visits that Indiana requires. Chlorinated systems require a competent assistant on the weekends. IDEM does not enforce the rules across the board. For years, a system under my jurisdiction required weekend visits and after an operator changed (I was replaced) the operator did not maintain weekend visits and IDEM did nothing. In 2007, IDEM reviewed and revised IA 327. The code needs to be revised again to reduce the number of daily visits per PWSID. Several years ago, I reported to the USEPA Region 5 that not all operators were compliant with IA 327 daily visits. I have documented this, and I have examples where this information was brought to the attention of IDEM and nothing was done. After I reported the incident, I was investigated by IDEM's criminal investigators. This was completely uncalled for and unwarranted. I have the investigators' business card, and this should be investigated by IDEM management as to who at IDEM gave the directive to investigate me.

Topic #4: In the past 20-year period, several IDEM field inspectors have overseen my accounts. These comments cost me the loss of several valued accounts, and I can prove it. My last encounter was with a South Bend, Indiana field inspector who told a future client that I was not her "favorite" operator. Fortunately, I retained this one account, and, in my opinion, she should be reprimanded for the behavior. Currently, I have retained an attorney in South Bend, IN for defamation of character and as of this letter this action is pending. My intent is to depose the subject field inspector. If she does not tell the truth in her previous actions, we will prove that she perjured herself.

Topic #5: One of my current field inspectors is Mrs. Sophia Andrews, she is professional in every aspect of her duties. Should a chief position become available, I highly recommend Sophia for this promotion.

Topic #6: In my opinion, IDEM has a difficult time managing records. The virtual file cabinet is a joke. Several years ago, I served on a 16-member panel with Neil Ott, Commissioner. This panel meets monthly and solves many issues in a professional manner. A similar panel should be created reporting to Commissioner Wood.

Topic #7: Commissioner Wood (newly appointed), I recently learned that he is traveling the State of Indiana with field inspectors and visiting PWSID's. Commissioner Wood should be commended for this effort. The only way you can learn the profession is to travel with inspectors. Sitting in an office all day does nothing.

Topic #8: IDEM in my opinion has a tough time keeping things in perspective. Rules do not appear to apply to everyone. This needs to cease immediately.

Topic #9: IDEM violation process is too slow. Serving as an operator in both Michigan and Indiana I have seen a superior enforcement system in the State of Michigan. Violations should be issued no later than 30 days with a corresponding fine.

Topic #10: I have served the drinking water field for over 50 years and am a two-time recipient of the Hurty award.

Topic #11: FSO (Facility System Operator) needs to stop immediately! Reference: The State of Michigan allowed FSO status for only one year and abandoned it. All this does is allows PWSID owners to avoid paying an IDEM licensed operator. My experience with FSO operators is that they do not perform the job to the IDEM standards. They do not show up for the required site visits and they do not maintain logbooks. I can show proof.

In closing, I am available at the contact information below and I am happy to meet you in-person.

Sincerely,

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IDEM currently regulates the formation of regional sewer districts as independent agencies without oversight from the entity that petitions for their formation. This in turn becomes a nightmare for the affected residents and governing entity that requested formation of the sewer district, especially when the sewer district doesn't adhere to or changes the direction it was intended for, or doesn't take into consideration the financial burden it would place on the residents it is supposed to be serving. We currently have that situation in Marshall County with our Marshall County Regional Sewer District, and our county commissioners are in a legal tangle trying to remove the president of the sewer district board who is at the crux of the problem.

One would think it would be unconstitutional per Indiana State Constitution to form any governing body without oversight. Therefore IDEM statutes should be enacted or revised to be clear to give the requesting authority for the regional sewer district formation clear oversight and authority to remove any board member at will or to dissolve the sewer district altogether.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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Currently, municipalities with controlled discharge lagoons have to verify the flow in their stream (stream gauging) that they discharge to on a yearly basis. It has been our experience (we help a few Towns with their stream gauging) that the flow doesn't change that much. It would be great if the yearly stream gauging could be changed to once every five years to coincide with their NPDES permit renewal. This would save money for the Towns since they wouldn't have to pay us yearly to verify their stream gauge.

Thanks,
Anthony Akles, P.E.
Strand Associates, Inc.

From: ansaris@frontier.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Burdensome Enviro Regs/Policies
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:19:43 PM

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I am writing in response to a notice from West Lafayette City Government about this topic.

There needs to be an easy and systematic way for individuals, businesses, communities, and especially city and county (local) governments to easily track or be alerted to existing ERCs. A real-estate transaction has a way to identify any deed notices or recordations that may be placed on a property, such as an ERC; this is accomplished through a title search (assuming one is required by a lender or smartly requested by a cash buyer). However, any unmonitored change in use, new ERC filings, zoning changes, planning approvals may not identify the existence of an ERC and this would put the public at risk. Furthermore, there is not a method to audit or track ERCs for ongoing compliance.

While the intent of the burdensome regulation/policy question might be to reduce regulations and maybe cost, the ERC requirements are necessary and need to instead be more properly administered so that they are not burdensome, rather than eliminated. Make it easy for citizens to identify ERCs and confirm compliance with them, as well as to audit compliance with same.

Regards,
Ramin Ansari

From: [Babcoke, Gary](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Indiana Airport Pollution Insurance Requirements.
Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025 6:50:37 PM

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Our company operates a private aircraft fuel system at a public airport located in Indiana. We are currently required to purchase "Pollution Insurance" in lieu of a "Performance Bond" to guarantee clean up in case of a spill event as a requirement to operate the system. Site Specific Pollution Insurance is very costly and difficult to obtain due to the lack of Insurance underwriters willing to offer it. The same financial guarantees can be made with a Performance Bond as we have provided in the past. Any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Gary Babcoke, QDI Flight Operations, 574-532-9526

From: [iamrepete](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Burdensome regulation
Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025 8:53:02 AM

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Hello-

I don't know if this comes under IDEM's control, but the automobile emission testing requirement for certain counties is especially burdensome to us seniors who only drive 10,000 miles a year or less. As the article in the NW Indiana Times said:

"It's become very burdensome for us to get those cars tested. Cars fail, their engine light's on, it costs a lot of money to get them fixed. It's a real burden on senior citizens that have to go through this every time," Niemeyer said.

The Niemeyer-led Senate Committee on Environmental Affairs agreed. It voted 11-0 Monday to advance Senate Bill 103 to the full Senate.

The measure directs the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to study the environmental impact of excluding senior citizens from emissions testing and to report back no later than June 30, 2026.

Drake Abramson, IDEM's legislative director, said the state agency is capable of carrying out the study. But he explained it will take a long time to complete, require input from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, and likely not produce the result the senators want.

"The exemption of any vehicles currently subject to testing can be achieved. But solely by requiring a similar number of vehicles that are currently exempt to be subject to that same testing," Abramson said.

For example, he said absolving senior citizens from the emissions testing requirement could mean compelling the owners of commercial vehicles, farm vehicles and diesel-powered vehicles to get tested — angering a different group of people.

Niemeyer insisted the emissions testing mandate makes no sense when far more ozone is pumped out by vehicles driving through Northwest Indiana, and industrial emitters, than from the vehicles owned and operated by residents of Lake and Porter counties.

It applies to Northwest Indiana, and nowhere else in the state, because the federal government groups Lake and Porter counties with Chicago for air-quality purposes."

Thank you for your consideration,
Pete Beda

From: wuesheim.asn
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Emission testing
Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025 7:05:36 PM

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This needs to go away. It is very burdensome on the northern counties. We have the steel mills and other industries that produce more pollution then our cars.

In addition we have 2 major expressway that traverse through our counties. Alot of truck traffic belching out their diesel exhaust.

That's my 2 cents. Please consider getting rid of this requirement. Will make a bunch of voters happy in the northern part of the state.

Sincerely,

Bob Balczo
1306 N Brummitt Rd
Chesterton, IN 46304

219.308.3936

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Donna Van Doren](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#); [Donna Van Doren](#)
Subject: Recycling in 55+ complex
Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025 5:56:51 PM

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I live in Southern Meadows apartment complex, a 55+ property owned by Kittle Property Group, near Franklin Road and Southport. I have requested three times that the management consider providing recycling bins. I have gotten no response. I buy all my water for drinking and cooking. I go through at least three gallon size bottles every week plus coffee creamer containers, soft drink bottles, laundry detergent, and household cleaner containers. I would be willing to pitch in on the price of this service. I could use some help on getting Kittle Property Group to respond.

Many thanks.

Donna Van Doren

From: [Ernesto Reillo](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:52:40 AM

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As a resident of northwest Indiana I am writing to oppose and voice deep concern over Executive Order 25-38.

My community is deeply affected by environmental pollution and the already lax regulations. It is not uncommon for the Whiting BP refinery to produce pollution that causes headaches, breathing problems, and triggers other chronic conditions in residents.

Not long ago residents discovered they were living on soil poisoned with lead and arsenic, leading to a litany of health problems and chronic illness that will affect the people of Indiana for generations.

The residents of northwest Indiana undergo an everyday battle against their own environment which is full of airborne pollutants, lead, arsenic, and microplastics. We need and desire more regulations and protections for the environment. We need and desire more enforcement, funding, and employees at these agencies.

Environmental regulations should be the standard not the exception.

Thanks and blessings.

From: [Carol Lode](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: All Building Exhaust Points to be FILTERED
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 11:59:39 AM

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If air is cleansed before being emitted into outside air, less chemicals would be included in the air we breathe. New buildings should be designed with this in mind. Old buildings should be evaluated, and then devise a plan to capture emissions that are being released. Each year a cost effective improvement should be made until the goal has been met.

From: akgoodberlet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kyle Goodberlet](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:20:50 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a longtime Indianapolis resident, I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
Kyle Goodberlet
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akgoodberlet@gmail.com

From: akgoodberlet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kyle Goodberlet](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:19:32 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them. I have a young daughter being raised in this state and this proposal is deeply concerning for the health of her generation of Hoosier residents.

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Sincerely,
Kyle Goodberlet
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From: gdoyle@indy.rr.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental regulations
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 11:22:58 AM

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The Air Pollution Control Board, Stream Pollution Control Board and the Environmental Management Board have all taken into consideration public comments on the environmental regulations Indiana has enacted. What Governor Braun want is to impress Trump rather than do the work necessary to provide protection to the citizens of Indiana.

From: akgoodberlet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kyle Goodberlet](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:20:10 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a longtime Indianapolis resident, I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: akgoodberlet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kyle Goodberlet](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:19:08 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a longtime resident of Indianapolis, I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced. I have a young daughter being raised in this state and would like to see our environment protected for her generation and many generations to come.

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Sincerely,
Kyle Goodberlet
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From: [Carolyn Lantz](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:12:21 PM

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on Executive Order 25-38, Creating Opportunity and Reducing Over-Regulation While Protecting Our Environment.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

I disagree with the Governor's office that this order will enable Indiana to fully protect its environment. Given the significant industrial and agricultural use of the land in Indiana, and the well-proven lack of will in the private sector to self-regulate, we should not be weakening our state regulations, we should be strengthening them.

We should not be enriching the private sector at public expense. An example of this is allowing developers to profit by filling in wetlands, and then when the wetlands no longer exist to absorb floodwaters, the public will pay. This seems to happen time and time again.

Hoosiers' access to clean air, clean water, and safe drinking water is crucial. Its importance cannot be overstated.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Lantz
Monroe County, Indiana

From: [Alan Shaul](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: New environmental standards.
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:48:34 PM

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Why would we WANT to roll back environmental protections in a state where over 90% of lakes and rivers are too toxic to swim in? Let alone fish in. Any movement backward will only harm the economy by physically harming the people working in it. You are the agency mandated with protecting us, and it looks like you're poised to fail that mission.

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From: [Zachary Powley](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public comment in opposition of executive order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:42:48 AM

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To Governor Braun, the State Department of Environmental Management, and whomever else it may concern,

Please reconsider this executive order in the name of your voters. Taking care of our beautiful state is not political and never will be. Loosening restrictions on clean air and water hurts all and helps none. Please stand up to the wealthy and corporations that do not face the impacts that many Hoosiers do every day. Pollution restrictions do not need to be eased up. If anything we need to take care of our water. It's already full of plastic, and we want to keep it easier to pollute? From a concerned resident, please reconsider.

Thank you,
Zach Powley
Fort Wayne constituent

From: [Bill Paraskevas](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:05:30 AM

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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. EO 25-38 is the type of environmental regulation that unnecessarily burdens Indiana citizens with poorer quality of life through reduced environmental protection. As an Indiana citizen and former environmental engineer working in the State of Indiana, I have seen first-hand the costly legacy of poor management of chemicals and waste in our state.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

William Paraskevas
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From: akgoodberlet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kyle Goodberlet](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:19:57 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a longtime Indianapolis resident, I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Kyle Goodberlet
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From: [Todd Smekens](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Too many environmental regulations
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 8:13:00 AM

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I am a journalist and publisher of an international media service in Eastern Indiana. One of my specialties is environmental matter in Indiana. I tracked contaminated water in Ohio flowing into Hoosier waterways like the Wabash River (photo attached). If you've been to Celina, OH to see what we're facing, you'll see the beautiful Grand Lake St. Mary's, completely vacant of tourists and boats because the lake is dead due to pollution.

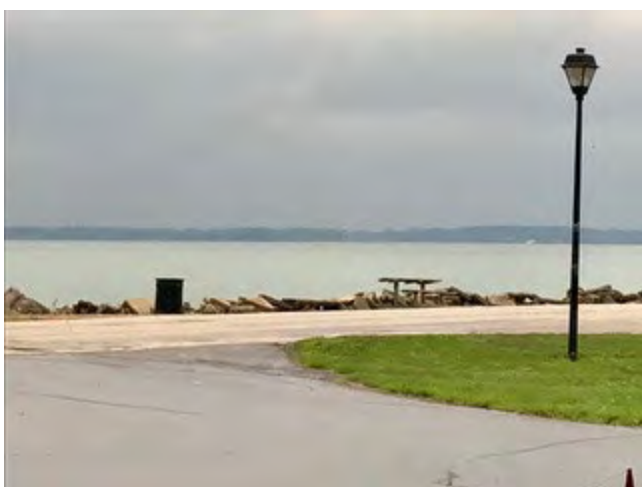
The pollution is due to CAFO run off of their manure lagoons being dumped into our waterways. The toxins create the blue-green algae in our rivers and lakes. Last I checked, every waterway in Indiana is polluted. IDEM likes to blame fertilizer and farm runoff, but that's a diversion.

Instead of seeking to reduce regs against Hoosier polluters, Governor Braun should be increasing them and forcing CAFOs to clean up our waterways in Indiana. In addition to CAFOs, we have the super polluters from coal-burning plants in Southern Indiana. The abundance of mercury in our water disallows consumption of freshwater fish in our state. Hard to believe that a state which claims its conservation and outdoor activities as a tourist attraction would allow our water, land, and air to become so polluted so industry can make a profit.

Governor Braun needs to be a better steward and quit accepting financial support for those polluting Indiana. Too many decades of contamination has caused a dying mess in our state. He has an opportunity to do the right thing and leave a lasting legacy, or just add to the polluting ways of his predecessors.

Thanks for accepting my comments,

Todd Smekens
Journalist & Publisher
Middletown Media LLC
765-808-9445



Wabash @ New Corydon



From: [Delbert Robinson](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Cc: [State Sen. Sue Glick](#)
Subject: Enviornmental regulations, policies
Date: Sunday, June 1, 2025 4:06:05 PM

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My name is Delbert Robinson and my case no is RM97549 Robinson Big Lake

The IDEM says I have a wetland because of the delineation report. I disagree and I did a water table test during the month of May in 2004 and 2005 during the growing season. From what I am told by Earth Source Wetland Consulting, my property does not have enough hydrology to be a class three wetland. The hydrology will drain four inches or more in one day. I do not have a wetland and I can prove it if given the chance.

I signed the agreed order to restore the wetland because if I did, IDEM agreed not to charge me with any past violations or any fines and by signing the agreed order, IDEM attorneys told me I was not agreeing I had a wetland.

I hired Earth Source to restore the wetland that I do not agree that I have. Also Joseph F. Neukis was to visit my property during the week of 2/27/2022, he never did. CTAP reported that my case had been resolved, it has not.

Any more information you need can be found in my case file, RM97549. I can meet you at the property or come to your office any time or day. I purchased the property on May 12, 2021.

Evan White the field agent.

Thank You!
Delbert Robinson
260-609-3207
robinhood609@yahoo.com

From: [Holly Morgan](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:31:17 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Holly Morgan, and I am a resident of Washington County, IN. I am writing to state my opposition to the above executive order. This order purports to save money, but all it does is shift the responsibility for paying the heavy costs of pollution from the businesses creating the problem to the citizens of this state.

Businesses that create wealth for themselves by creating pollution need to bear the costs of cleaning up and protecting the environment. That should be a cost of doing business in this state. PROTECTING our environment is actually more beneficial to the citizens of her state, safeguarding our health, our tourism and recreation industries, and our quality of life. Please decide in favor of the citizens of this state, rather than the companies who can afford to bear this cost, but prefer not to.

Sincerely,

Holly Morgan

From: [Rex Duke](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: No to eo25-38. Pls stop oe 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:22:36 PM

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From: [Jesse-James Black](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:45:08 PM

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I am a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Jamison Stewart](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposition to Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:32:34 PM

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From: [Greg Cole](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:32:22 PM

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I am a resident of West Lafayette, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Whitney Lee](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Voter opposed to EO 25-38 Rolling Back Environmental Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 2:08:14 PM

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Hi!

I'm from Indianapolis and was born in Greenwood, IN. My mom was born in Indy and my dad was born in Greenwood, too. Our Hoosier roots go back to the Civil War, when my great-great-great-great-grandpa fought for the North.

I care deeply about our state, both the people and the land/geology that forms it. When it comes to environmental protection, federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.

This order ties our own state experts' hands, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governors office who have showed no commitment to environmental protections.

Let's Talk About the Flawed Economic Argument

The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic benefits of a healthy environment.

Here are the flaws in that argument:

It Ignores Healthcare Costs: Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.

It Hurts Tourism and Recreation: Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.

It's Not a Cost Savings, It's a Cost Shift:*** This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive—they are deeply connected.

Please, from one Hoosier who cares deeply about Indiana to another, consider not enacting

this. Indiana deserves protection for the land and for its citizens to have access to clean water and clean air.

Thanks,
Whitney Lee
District 8 resident

From: [Andrew Harvey](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: I'm a Hoosier and I oppose Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:29:06 PM

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My name is Andrew Harvey. I'm 37 and I've been an Indiana citizen since 1996. Nearly 30 years spent in Indiana that I treasure. I grew up here, I live and work here, and I hope to stay.

The upcoming executive order has the potential to be incredibly damaging to the very environment we all treasure. Lead in the ground in Hammond and East Chicago. Heavy metals in the Little Calumet and dumped into Lake Michigan. One of the few things that keeps this from getting worse and the forces the corporations that are involved to be more responsible? Are fines and financial penalties from the legislation on both a State and Federal level. As it is, there are still many issues that have been around for decades, caused by earlier pollution and still persisting.

Removing even these small barriers could lead to the kind of irresponsible practices that could lead to pollution for decades more. Ruin the natural beauty of the area, hurt the health of Indiana citizens, and benefit only a small few who will never pass these savings on to any of the people they'll end up harming.

Please. Speak to experts in our government, at our national parks, and in the towns and cities this Order stands to so direly affect. Reconsider Executive Order 25-38. Our future depends on it.

Thank you.

From: [Jennifer Brown](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Oppose Executive Order 25-38
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Hello,

I'm a New Whiteland Indiana resident, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Thank you,

Jennifer Brown

From: [Paul Borowicz](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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I am a resident and voter in Indiana and I oppose watering down environmental regulations. Federal regulations are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana needs to do better to protect the state's natural beauty and protect the health of our population.

Paul Borowicz
11441 Songbird Lane
Fishers, IN 46038
317-572-5703

From: [Connor Rorick](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Hi,

My name is Connor and I am a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges. Indiana is already behind other states in this matter; this executive order would push us even further behind.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Kind regards,

Connor Rorick

From: [Ava Sheets](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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I am a resident of Carmel, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38. Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges. Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

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Dear Governor Braun,

As a resident of Bloomington, Indiana, I am writing to express my unequivocal opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

I moved to Indiana in 2017 and have come to love our great state. It is because of this appreciation of our state and the Hoosiers that comprise it that I feel compelled to speak up for environmental protections for clean air and water. Fiscal responsibility is vital to the functioning of any state, but investment in clean air and water is a long-term investment. Divesting from these protections are likely, if not guaranteed, to have even greater financial and health-related costs down the line. We should view federal environmental regulation standards as the bare minimum required to maintain the beauty of our natural environment and the health of both present and future Hoosiers.

Thank you for your time and consideration in prioritizing the well-being of our state and its residents by rescinding this executive order.

Sincerely,
Grayson Bodenheimer

From: [Ashlee McIntire](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Our Health Matters!

Thank you,
Ashlee McIntire

Sent from my iPhone

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I am a resident of Peru Indiana, and I am writting to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38. Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities. Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [EJ](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:57:10 AM

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Good afternoon,

I am a Marion county resident, and am extremely concerned regarding EO 25-38.

This order ties the hands of our state's experts and prevents Indiana from addressing our own unique environmental challenges. When it comes to health and safety, I believe federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.

This EO claims Indiana strives for responsible environmental protection and stewardship. To make this a true statement, our state must have the freedom and flexibility to go beyond federal standards for environmental protections.

Thank you,

Erica Winstead
10125 Alexia Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46236
941-242-3975

From: [Kris tin](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:51:27 AM

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I am a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25–38.

Federal standard should be a floor – not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create strong rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Kristin Creager

From: [Sarah Bush](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: My Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:51:15 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Indianapolis, and I have lived in Indiana for around 18 years now. For that time I have found solace in our gorgeous waterways and parks, and appreciated the beauty of them. Indiana is one of the few states I've seen to maintain proper upkeep of public resources such as these. Eagle Creek, Ben Harrison Park, and Turkey Run State Park, to name a few of the many I have visited and benefited from.

As of this year, Governor Mike Braun has signed Executive Order 25-38, which states that the state of Indiana "shall not adopt any new environmental rules, regulations, or programs that are more stringent than an applicable federal requirement or limitation" and to this I say, why?

The document claims that this will not "impose unnecessary burdens on businesses, communities, agencies, or industries operating in our State." And to this I say, how?

How is it burdensome to take care of the land on which we live?

Why is it necessary to meet only the BASELINE federal standard for clean water and parks?

Federal standards should be the floor, regardless of what the case may be. The state of Indiana has a duty to upkeep and create stronger rules that protect our local air, water, and wildlife, which in turn, boosts the health of our communities.

Why does Mike Braun not see how beneficial these public areas are, for all walks of life? Children attend parks after school, learning how to use their bodies, make friends, and interact with their environment. I myself kayak on Indiana's waterways, relishing in the peace it gives me, and relishing in the many kinds of healthy wildlife that made Indiana their home. Parks are wonderful places for family gatherings, and sometimes, due to cost, they are the ONLY option people have for celebrations, like birthdays or holidays.

I, Sarah Bush, do declare that Mike Braun does not have the community's best interests in heart when he drafted this executive order. He does not listen to the people, the people who provide the funds to keep these parks beautiful. I worry that if this order were to pass, many accessible places would start to roll back their requirements for park maintenance, while keeping costs to enter the same. This executive order has the potential to weaken the current standards of environmental health in this state. Please prioritize the health of your fellow Hoosiers and assist in rescinding this executive order.

I, Sarah Bush, am urging you to not delete this email. Please read this, consider what the cost of passing this order would be. Listen to me, a citizen of Indiana, whose pride in our great state is dwindling by the day. And if you cannot listen, future generations of Hoosiers will be at stake.

Thank you for your time,
Sarah Bush

From: [Julie Scott](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
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I am a resident of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [Joey Schmenk](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: EO 25-38: Thoughts
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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

This is all outside of the fact that we as citizens in Indiana have a well robust and diverse locale of habitats. From wetlands to forested hills, our lands need better protection to keep control of the well kept trails and wildlife. Many Hoosiers love the trips up to the dunes and trails around Bloomington and everywhere in between. Hurting the environment is hurting the Hoosiers you are supposed to represent.

Please take this into consideration!!

From a long time Hoosier,
Thank

From: [Greg Janowiak](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Greg Janowiak

From: [Dori](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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I am a resident of Covington, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Dori Camacho

From: [Emily Sutton](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Hello,

I am a resident of Albion, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded!

The northern part of the lake is lake country, and weakening these regulations will not only affect people's day to day, it will also hurt the business of state and local parks.

Please reconsider!

Emily Sutton

From: ansaol283@gmail.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:56:47 AM

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As a former Boy Scout, it saddens me deeply to see my state government regressing in its approach to environmental responsibility. I remember years spent in the great outdoors, learning about how pollution and waste impact the forests, rivers and streams. I also remember the hope that we were progressing into a world where such things would be increasingly protected and restored for those that come after us, educating and learning more and more about what it takes to be a good steward of the land we are all responsible for. This executive order will do nothing but regress our position towards preserving, rehabilitating, and respecting our natural beauty.

I whole heartedly disagree and do not want this to proceed. If Braun continues to sign this executive order, it will not be representative of my beliefs as a constituent, as well as hundreds of others i have met who believe wholeheartedly in the responsibility we have to our nature and surroundings.

We should be moving forwards as a species, not regressing so a couple corporations can save a buck and fuck up the environment, not to mention public health and safety, for the rest of us.

Ian

From: [Skylar Cook](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:55:35 AM

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Hello,

I am writing in response to the Governor's executive order rolling back environmental regulations in Indiana. I am a resident of the state and enjoy many of the state's outdoor parks and trails.

This order would potentially allow reducing state regulations below what is acceptable to Hoosiers. We demand clean water, lakes, streams and rivers. We demand clean air and a clean environment. Hoosier tax payers do not want to take on the burden of paying for high costs of pollution caused by corporations and big industry. We want LOWER taxes not to pay more to make up for the misdeeds of major companies.

Access to clean water and air is directly related healthcare and the ability to lead a healthy lifestyle. Reducing regulations would only allow for more sick people, more hospital visits, and higher costs of care. The Governor claims to care about Hoosiers but I have yet to see one decision he's made that would actually be an improvement for the state of Indiana.

Please take note that Hoosiers are aware and paying attention considering the times we are in.

Thank you
Skylar Blythe

From: [Tom Corson-Knowles](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Hi,

I am a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

The ability to maintain, adjust, and improve environmental regulations is critical to public health, tourism, and the economy in Indiana. This will would shift the cost of regulation and public health and safety from businesses to us taxpayers, and that is not fair or wise to do.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Thank you!!
Tom

Tom Corson-Knowles

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From: [Brian](#)
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Weakening our regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

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Brian Carmien
317.691.2735

From: [Amie Darnold](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:55:08 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Vincennes, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Thank you,
Amie Darnold

From: [Ross Piedmonte](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public concern over E.O. 25-38
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I live in Noblesville, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a *floor*, not a ceiling. We should strive to protect our state as best as we can, not with the least effort that is legally required. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges. It's foolish to loosen restrictions when it's been proven time and time again that the corporations most responsible for pollution will choose profit over the environment, every single time. Don't give them the opportunity.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and the wellbeing of our environment and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: [natalie brown](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:40:06 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a near life long resident of Indiana. I reside in northern Indiana along the Dunes. This state isn't widely known for its ecological beauty, but when people come here they are truly surprised at how beautiful it is. From the dunes up north to the falls, caves and woods further south. This state is teeming with natural beauty and it should be our responsibility to protect that at all cost.

More people are leaving large cities for places where they can be closer to nature. People want to vacation in places where they can reconnect with it.

Allowing our government to rollback protections that keep these places as wonderful as they are is going to destroy it. We will become a state devoid of anything worth visiting. Indiana already has a pretty bad reputation when it comes to politics, education and ecology. Setting us back even further is going to push us further and further into being the butt of jokes.

Our state already struggles with healthcare. Many people cannot afford it and have been poisoned by the pesticides used in farming, the pollutant and chemicals dumped into the ground and water sources by big industry. We are deeply unhealthy and allowing these places to resume poisoning us is going to cause extreme harm to not just the land, but the people here as well. If the states goal is to eventually kill off its population, then by all means, continue with this bill. If you want a population that will gladly protect our state, contribute to the state, and help make it a wonderful place, this bill should be opposed.

Hoosiers deserve better and this current administration seems hellbent on making them unhealthy, uneducated, poor and living in a wasteland. We can't allow these things to happen so I plead for you to not pass this bill.

Thank you

From: [Cass Cwik](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: EO 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:24:10 AM

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I am a resident of Gary, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Sincerely,

Cassidy C Cwik

From: [Andy Hesik](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:20:48 AM

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I am a resident of Indianapolis, IN and I am stark opposition to this executive order.

Environmental protections are a long term investment in the wellbeing of our communities.

Please protect the interests of all Hoosiers and ask that this order be rescinded.

Best,

From: [Brittany Reed](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public comment opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:17:02 AM

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I am a resident of indianapolis Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Thank you for your time.

From: [Nick Wybo](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:12:50 AM

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Please do not roll back environmental protections. I understand republicans like to operate the state as a for-profit business. That being said, it's not a business, and I don't want short sighted grabs for profit that result in my kids getting cancer.

From: [Jim Rust](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Indiana Natural Environment
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:12:36 AM

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Hi, Please do not let Governor Braun diminish the natural environment of Indiana by rolling back laws.

Thank you, Jim Rust

From: [Lydia Smith](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38"
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:09:32 AM

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Please, please do not reduce the clean air and water standards. Indiana's air and water quality are already substandard. I have a couple relatives who have asthma. I'm sure they will suffer if the air is not cleaner than before. I can taste the chemicals in the water to make it safe for consumption. We need to actually raise our standards for air and water.

Thank you.

L Smith

From: [Virginia Fletcher](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9:46:30 AM

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I am an Indiana resident and against rolling back environmental protections that exceed the federal minimum. These actions will worsen our climate and transition the burden to the public. We will have higher insurance costs and lose state park revenue due to pollution. Rules that protect our planet and citizens are not burdensome and should continue to be implemented for our current lives and for our future children's wellbeing. Do not roll back any environmental protections.

From: [Molly O'Donnell](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 12:31:14 PM

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This is unnecessary. Indiana is already ranked 50th of 50 states on the quality of our natural environment from the U.S. News & World Report on its "Natural Environment" scorecard.

Indiana is a beautiful state, but we can't afford to go any lower.

Molly O'Donnell
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Bloomington, IN 47401
mobile: 812-345-7399

From: [Kimberley Dotson](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental regulations EO
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 11:27:09 PM

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The Executive Order Gov Braun issued about environmental regulations being limited to federal regulations is wrong. We Hoosiers love to camp, hike, hunt, and enjoy our beautiful state. And we should take better care of our air, water, and nature than just the 'minimum' required by the federal government. I don't care if some business has to spend more money to meet more stringent regulations if it protects our state's interests. Rescind this worthless order and Make Indiana Greater than all the other states.

Kimberley Dotson
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~~Kimberley Dotson~~

God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees and flowers and clouds and stars.
~Martin Luther

From: [Brandi Sheehan](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Input on Environmental Regulations
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 4:36:27 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Executive Order 25-38 and the broader effort to streamline Indiana's environmental regulations by eliminating those deemed "unduly burdensome." While I appreciate the intent to reduce unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, I strongly believe that weakening environmental protections would be a mistake that could harm public health, Indiana's natural resources, and our long-term economic stability.

Environmental regulations exist for critical reasons: to ensure clean air and water, protect vulnerable ecosystems, and safeguard communities from pollution and climate-related risks. Rather than rolling back these protections, we should focus on making them more effective, science-based, and equitable.

Regulations on emissions, waste disposal, and water quality prevent serious health issues, including respiratory diseases and cancer. Loosening rules could disproportionately impact low-income and marginalized communities already facing higher pollution exposure.

A healthy environment supports key Indiana industries, from agriculture to tourism. Pollution and unchecked resource depletion create long-term costs that far outweigh short-term regulatory savings.

The suggestion that some regulations lack support from "current law and the best available science" is concerning. Many rules are based on peer-reviewed research and federal standards—discarding them risks legal challenges and reputational harm.

Climate change and environmental degradation pose growing threats. Now is the time to strengthen—not weaken—our commitment to sustainability, ensuring Indiana remains competitive in a green economy.

I urge you to reconsider the direction of EO 25-38 and instead pursue policies that modernize and enforce robust environmental standards. Indiana has an opportunity to lead in sustainable development, but only if we prioritize science, equity, and long-term thinking over short-term cost-cutting.

I would welcome the chance to discuss this further and explore ways to advance effective environmental governance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brandi Li
West Lafayette, IN

From: [Andrew Baxter](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: I do NOT support EO-25-38
Date: Saturday, June 21, 2025 5:17:09 PM

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My name is Andrew Baxter, I am a constituent from the broadripple area. I do not support reducing environmental regulations, period.

"A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit"

Be a good person, please take environmental protection more seriously.

Thanks,

From: [Mindi Ramsey](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38
Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 8:49:11 PM

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Hi IDEM Public Engagement Team,

I'm writing to urge you not to weaken or eliminate any environmental regulations during this review process.

Hoosiers are already seeing the consequences of drastic state budget cuts. In just the last few weeks, more than 50 public servants have been laid off across agencies like the Indiana State Library, the Department of Education, and the Indiana School for the Deaf. These aren't faceless numbers — they're educators, historians, and public health stewards who serve real people and real communities.

And that's just the beginning. As of June 10, Indiana's total state workforce had already shrunk by nearly 700 employees since December. Even more positions will now go unfilled due to additional budget holdbacks imposed by the governor's administration.

These cuts have a direct impact on the quality and effectiveness of public agencies — including IDEM.

Over the past decade, IDEM's own budget has reportedly been slashed by nearly 20%, even as environmental challenges have grown more complex. In 2021, just 11 staffers were responsible for overseeing more than 470 brownfield cleanup sites across the state. It's not physically possible to meet our environmental obligations with that kind of understaffing.

Rolling back regulations under the current conditions wouldn't make government more efficient — it would make oversight weaker, corners easier to cut, and risks to public health more likely.

Please do not take this process as an opportunity to "streamline" or deregulate. Instead, I urge you to advocate for strong, well-funded regulatory enforcement that protects Indiana's water, air, soil, and communities — now and for generations to come.
Thank you for your service, and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Munster, IN
Hoosier since 1988

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From: akgoodberlet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kyle Goodberlet](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 3:20:26 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a longtime Indianapolis resident, I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: carolrvt@aol.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Exec. Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 9:51:58 AM

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I strongly oppose weakening Indiana environmental regulations. I am a resident of Indiana, a land owner, and have researched many of the harmful effects industry has had on our land and natural resources. With declining areas of green space, regulations should be increased.

Carol Yager
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Rushville, IN

From: [Paul McAfee](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: comments on EO 25-38
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 7:36:41 AM

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In regard to "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation," ("EO 25-38"), this order states that Indiana cannot adopt any new environmental regulation that is more stringent than a federal regulation and requires all state agencies to review all current environmental regulations to determine if any are more stringent than federal regulations.

Given that the current political climate is to do away with federal regulations and agencies to give power back to the states to govern themselves, is this a disconnect? Why is the governor directing our state to not govern itself, but rather let the federal government govern us?

However, the more alarming aspect of this is that Governor Braun keeps insisting that we can grow our economy while protecting the environment. This mantra of the pro-growth crowd sounds wonderful, and would be if it were possible, but it's just not true.

Growth requires building new buildings, roads, parking lots, etc, which removes that land from the environment forever. How is that protecting the environment? Can a fox catch a vole in a parking lot? Can a cerulean warbler build a nest in an office building?

Perhaps the most destructive thing that can be done to harm the environment is to pave it, or put a building on it. Growth cannot happen while protecting the environment. Better would be to start considering a steady state economy.

From: [rya clark](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Efficiency?!
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:33:29 AM

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Good morning,

Im curious, why did the state hire three full time legislative liaisons to replace one position? Since the legislative session only goes from January to April, Im confused why that requires three full time staff to handle that role? That does not sound like government efficiency to me! I look forward to hear back from you.

Rya Clark

From: [Eliot Aust](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on EO 25-38 – Strengthening Environmental Protections for Hoosiers
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 3:13:34 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I write in response to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management’s call for public input regarding Executive Order 25-38. I strongly urge IDEM and the State of Indiana not to pursue deregulation or reduction of existing environmental protections. Instead, Indiana must expand and strengthen environmental regulations, particularly in areas like Northwest Indiana, where heavy industry continues to degrade public health and the natural environment without sufficient accountability.

Northwest Indiana is home to several large steel mills and related industrial operations. While these industries are economically important, their unchecked pollution — particularly into Lake Michigan, the Little Calumet River, and surrounding communities — has created lasting harm. Industrial polluters routinely exceed permitted discharge limits, contaminate water and air, and treat environmental fines as a mere cost of doing business. Current enforcement is clearly inadequate, and rolling back or weakening regulations will only embolden this pattern of abuse.

Environmental protections are not “excessive burdens.” They are vital safeguards for public health and the economic well-being of Hoosiers. Poor air and water quality contribute directly to increased rates of asthma, cancer, and other chronic illnesses, raising healthcare costs and lowering quality of life. The public ultimately bears the cost — not the polluters. By enforcing and expanding regulations, Indiana can reduce this public health burden and ensure long-term economic stability through a healthier workforce and environment.

Moreover, environmental degradation undermines the state’s long-term economic development. Businesses and families alike increasingly prioritize clean air, water, and livable communities when deciding where to invest, live, or grow. Retreating from environmental oversight not only puts Hoosiers at risk but also jeopardizes Indiana’s competitiveness.

I urge IDEM to:

1. Strengthen monitoring and enforcement of environmental regulations in heavily industrialized areas like Northwest Indiana;
2. Increase penalties for repeat violators to ensure that fines are not treated as a minor operating expense;
3. Resist the false premise that federal minimum standards are sufficient — Indiana’s unique environmental challenges demand tailored, science-based state-level protections;
4. Consider long-term public health and environmental costs in all regulatory decisions, rather than focusing solely on short-term industry burdens.

Hoosiers deserve clean air, safe water, and protected natural resources. Environmental regulations are not obstacles to opportunity — they are the foundation of it. I respectfully urge IDEM and the Governor's Office to reconsider the deregulatory direction of EO 25-38 and instead expand protections for the well-being of all Indiana residents.

Sincerely,
Eliot Aust
Valparaiso, IN

From: [julia lindenschmidt](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Regulations
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:49:01 AM

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I don't believe that the Indiana pollution regulations are excessive. Today in Evansville we are at the moderate air quality level. Kaiser aluminum dumped hazardous waste in the Ohio River. They have been fined but this needs to stop happening. Our children deserve air and water cleaner than we've had, not dirtier. Thank you , Julia Lindenschmidt

Evansville In

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From: [Dan Holmes](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: More Regulation Now, Cowards
Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025 7:07:37 PM

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Love your latest BS asking 'do we really need to keep air, water and people healthy?'

I do not believe in hell, but I wish I did so assholes who put profit over people would overfill it.

Quit embarrassing Indiana residents with your toxic plans to kill us all sooner than later.

I recently moved here to try something new and much of the state government is a fucking embarrassment to progress. Try empathy rather than cruelty as policy. Try acting Christian, rather than cosplaying as one.

I can't believe this email address even exists. I hope all the toxic air flows directly into your lungs.

Grow a pair and make this state worth staying in.

-Dan

From: [Jake Kohlmeier](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Cc: [Jake Kohlmeier](#)
Subject: Comments to IDEM
Date: Saturday, May 31, 2025 1:21:30 AM

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May 31, 2025

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for maintaining the current level of state environmental protection regulations. Our public lands and natural resources are invaluable assets that play a critical role in preserving biodiversity, safeguarding public health, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our environment.

Protecting our environment is not just a matter of policy but a moral responsibility. The health of our ecosystems directly impacts the well-being of our communities, including the people, animals, and the infrastructure we rely on daily. Even small regulatory changes, if made without comprehensive understanding and scientific backing, can have disproportionate and lasting effects, leading to unforeseen burdens on both the environment and public health.

Furthermore, it is crucial to recognize and collaborate with organizations like Tri-State Creation Care (TSCC). TSCC is a nonprofit group composed of local church congregations and community members dedicated to raising awareness about protecting our shared communities and natural lands. Their mission extends beyond environmental advocacy to working that everyone has fair access to clean energy and safe, healthy places to live and work. By working with such groups, we can strengthen community ties, amplify public engagement, and promote environmental justice for all.

Science provides us with the tools and knowledge to make informed decisions that are in the best interest of our environment and future generations. It is imperative that we continue to follow scientific guidance, invest in sustainable practices, and implement regulations that reflect our commitment to environmental stewardship.

Let us remember that our natural world is a precious gift, and it is our duty to protect and nurture it. I urge the IDEM to uphold the current environmental protection regulations, collaborate with community-focused organizations like TSCC, and continue to prioritize the health and integrity of our public lands.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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From: [Wonderful World](#)
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Concerned About Removal of Environmental Regulations
Date: Friday, May 30, 2025 1:32:00 PM

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Dear IDEM,

I am a lifelong Hoosier and am proud of Hoosiers' efforts in protecting our air, water, and other natural resources. If it weren't for environmental regulations including federal ones (especially created by Nixon, Carter, and Presidents afterwards) we would have way worse air and water quality. The bald eagle is a notable success story as to how regulations can help protect vital species and their ecosystem.

I am very concerned that crucial regulations will be removed since Indiana has made great strides in having a cleaner environment which is a huge benefit to recreational industries (including the RV industry), tourism (and agritourism), and indirectly to many other industries that benefit from our natural resources. Our state parks are in tip top shape, and it is mainly because of the proper regulations we have. Degrading the environment means visitors from out of state would not want to come to Indiana to support our state parks (and local businesses), so we need to keep our air/water quality as excellent as possible.

I have absolutely no complaints about our regulations except that some be can strengthened if anything. Indiana is a special state, and I would argue we might need regulations that exceed the Federal ones in certain circumstances. For example, Lake Michigan is an extremely important freshwater body, so regulations might have to go further to protect it for many generations to come. Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Zach at Wonderful World Blogs

From: wisdomswell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kimberly Koczan
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:54:27 PM

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I'm writing with my public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

It is extremely short sighted to forbid state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Although we are fortunate to live near some of the largest reserves of fresh water, this resource will also mean an increase in 'climate migrants' - people who live in the south and areas vulnerable to flooding increased severe storm events and deathly heat waves are already starting to move to the upper Midwest and Indiana would be falling behind for our current residents and future residents (children born here and people from other parts of the country choosing to relocate.)

Our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, lwith more rainfall, there are more basements flooding and I am one of many impacted with mold allergies that impact my asthma and overall health; later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year has decimated my farmer friends; peach crops 4 of the last 5 years, impacting their income (they are not large scale farmers getting subsidies.) These changes negatively impact our energy bills, and as a pastor I am getting more and more requests to help with member's and community members rising bills. Letting municipalities make their own climate action plans makes sense and cuts out government over reach. PLUS it makes human sense and economic cents & dollars to be proactive. Our greatness will be in our resilience. Our greatness will be planning ahead and lowering our impact so that emergency preparedness plans and state aid are less necessary to use.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing! Please contact me if we can discuss this further.

Sincerely,
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From: cglaser1812@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Glaser
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:47:37 PM

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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Over the last years I have experienced increasingly severe rainfall events in my area, and my basement has flooded at least three times already this year. I am currently in the process of having another sump pump pit installed to deal with the flooding. I already pre- payed \$1500 and expect the cost to at least double by the time the project is finished, which includes pouring concrete to replace the floor that had been cracked because of rising groundwater levels during storms, I also have spent more than \$4000 on other measures to prevent water from infiltrating the basement where I keep a water heater and furnace.

Drastically increasing amounts of water coming down when it rains are a consequence of climate change, and I expect that my state government takes action to reduce carbon emissions and takes measures to protect its citizens from the consequences of a changing climate like flooding, drought and extreme heat.

I definitely want IDEM and other state agencies to be able to assess and plan for reducing carbon emissions and helping this state to adapt to climate change.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: betsy_kachmar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of betsy kachmar
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:43:06 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I actively opposed the bills that promoted SMR research & development at ratepayer expense. I am therefore writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR development - even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed.

Further, the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM oversight.

Sincerely,
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From: betsy_kachmar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of betsy kachmar
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:33:58 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I was very much against the removal of wetlands protections during the previous legislative session. As much as I disliked that legislation, the process allowed for discussion & education about the issue through the process. Executive Orders do not allow for the same level of discourse.

I am therefore, doing all anyone is allowed to do, writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: cglaser1812@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Glaser
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

I am especially concerned about the already evident decline in biodiversity in Indiana that can only be accelerated by continuing roll-backs of wetland protections. Furthermore, I do not see any wisdom in destroying wetlands that then have to be replaced by expensive man-made flood control investments.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: ellen.stoesz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen stoesz
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:10:04 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: ellen.stoesz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen stoesz
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:09:19 PM

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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

It is this type of misplaced priorities and lack of forward thinking that keeps Indiana in the lowest 2% of climate healthy states. Please do not lose sight of our futures, what is lost wetland is really gone.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: sailor426@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Archie Wills
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:05:34 PM

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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: mcl49@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of M LUSSIER
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental and financial impact of nuclear reactors.

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If I build a house or a factory, I do not expect my neighbors to pay for the energy I will require. How is it that companies with many more resources than most individual citizens expect us to take the financial risk for their energy requirements? I am retired and utility costs are already rising faster than inflation. If I can't afford to pay for something, I don't do it. The same should apply to utility companies and data processing centers. If corporations really are "citizens," then they need to be held as responsible as the rest of us.

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From: keninskeep777@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kenneth Inskeep
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Having grown up in Sullivan County along the Wabash River and worked on farms in bottom lands, I know the importance of wetlands. I have been distressed that Indiana has in recent years diminished protection of these critical resources that prevent flooding, clean our water, prevent erosion and provide recreational opportunities that have become the economic lifeblood of many more rural Indiana communities. The purpose of regulation is to provide ALL Hoosiers with clean air, clean water and a state free of unsafe levels of toxins. These are important objectives and exist because it was necessary to place minimum requirements on EVERYONE that are specifically tailored to the needs of Hoosiers.

Since when does Governor Braun think Washington and the federal government knows best? This seems contrary to his values that Hoosiers best understand our state and its needs, and should be subject to lax federal regulations. IDEM has adopted regulations tailored to Indiana's needs - not Arizona and Alaska's needs like federal regulations are. We have experienced the Anderson fish kill, the Fish Creek oil spill, the pollution from steel mills and industries concentrated in northwest Indiana, and other issues that have generated NECESSARY regulation. No one has ever set out to adopt a stupid regulation. They have usually been devised to carefully balance competing interests of Hoosiers after a rigorous process.

EO 25-38 is an abdication of Gov Braun's responsibility to ensure Indiana is a safe, healthy and abundant land for us. It is not just a betrayal of future generations - it is a complete repudiation of living Hoosiers who are already living in one of the most polluted states.

Please ensure Indiana does not mindlessly follow the federal government, but instead makes its own independent regulatory judgments based on our needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Maggie O'Hara
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Indiana has proven a very poor steward of our state's natural resources and continues to set its sights even lower by committing to matching only the federal requirements and never progressing beyond those intentionally minimum standards.

The White River has been a superfund toxic hazard for my entire life as a resident, 52 years. And yet it is the main source of drinking water for Marion county.

I can SEE pollution in the air most days, particulates forming a yellowed haze over everything, even on a 'clear' day, like today.

Keep Indianapolis Beautiful has been defunded already so has no plans to plant trees, to mitigate all this pollution. What are you using my tax dollars for - if not for THIS??

Government exists to ensure the general welfare of the populace, and aggressively enacting climate change adaptations and solutions is entirely the mission of IDEM.

Do your job! Regulate and fine and STOP the corporate polluters, and clean our water, air and land - and then enact MUCH MORE STRICT regulation to curtail the damage of the worst offenders.

You work for us, and better start acting like it.

From: cmchugh365@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ciara McHugh
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Improper disposal of hazardous waste places all of us at risk, and it seems that this legislation could financially benefit big companies while everyday Hoosiers pay the price.

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From: mcl49@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of M Christine LUSSIER
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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It is not a burden to ask an individual or a business to clean up after themselves in a way that does not harm their fellow citizens or the environment. When I had a small business years ago, it didn't occur to me that following rules and laws to keep my staff, the neighborhood, and the general public safe was a burden. It was my responsibility as a citizen.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: phacker338@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of patti hacker
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Lyn Beltz

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I have lived in Indiana for 60 years.

I am against rolling back any of the environmental regulations. Our resources (including, but not limited to, air and water, need to be protected, not exploited.) Unfortunately, past experiences like fish kills show that businesses can't necessarily be trusted to act in the best interest of preserving those resources, ergo the need to regulate.

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From: Mark Snell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:58:55 PM

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How short sighted can you be with our environment! Once it's gone it's gone! Wetlands for development! Insane. Profit today but our state has unique features not to be replicated. Be sensible!

Mark Snell
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South Bend, Indiana
Sent from my iPhone

From: pammrdd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pam gabor
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: pammrdd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pam gabor
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:45:09 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Dear IDEM Representative.

I live in Pike Township near Eagle Creek park in Indianapolis and believe that IDEM is making a mistake in reducing the already lax regulations to protect Indiana's environment. In recent years, the quality of the environment in Indiana has steadily declined. The statistics show that regulations in Indiana are NOT burdensome to businesses. They are protecting industries rather than citizens.

Since 2021 IN has lost 350 acres of wetlands. This has reduced the opportunity to filter and clean our drinking water.

A U.S. News & World Report study ranks Indiana 48th for its natural environment, citing drinking water quality, industrial toxins, and urban air quality as key issues. Some reports indicate that Indiana has the highest levels of industrial toxins in the nation. Rather than protecting business, protect the citizens! These toxins impact Hoosiers health and children's ability to learn which can result in Increased health costs and lower performance by students who are exposed to these toxins.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials into public waterways. This puts Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. It has taken years to clean the water near Indianapolis. Please DO NOT set this small bit of progress back. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections. Instead, lack of environmental protections lack of protections are impacting our health and wellbeing.

EO 25-48, will place the burden of Paying for SMN's on citizens.
EO 25-49, Climate action plans are needed to reduce greenhouse gases!
EO 25-50, We need more clean energy not coal burning energy.

Thank you. Mary Lou Cox

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From: pammrdd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pam gabor
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: flintstonecats@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cheryl Graham
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Sincerely,
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From: Linda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Rawles
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:01:30 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My husband has trouble breathing due to all of the open burning near our home in Demotte.

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From: Linda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Rawles
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I own 30 acres in DeMotte and am very concerned about the decline of birds I see, greatly due to loss of habitat including wetlands. The climate crisis - high temperatures and increasing heat - are also affecting this!

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana. While I am rewilding my land, I cannot do it alone!

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: Jim Sweeney
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Subject: IDEM and Regulations
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Regarding the Governor's request for comments on regulation and its impact on business in Indiana.

This is not speculation or over-reacting, Indiana is near the bottom of dozens of ratings regarding Quality of Life, air and water pollution, wetland destruction, open space and recreational opportunities.

The state should read the tomes of studies that demonstrate that fair and effective regulations are critically important for a higher quality of life in Indiana.

This complete dismissal of health issues when it comes to regulatory reform should worry all Hoosiers. Indiana is one of the most polluted states in the union. The state should make a commitment to its residents and its regulated community that the state will protect the public from the well-documented impacts of pollution, including the destruction of wetlands and waterways.

The Governor and the General Assembly's loud defense of the status quo is depressing and part of the reason the public is so apathetic and naïve about regulation and the state of our natural resources.

It is also a big part of the reasons for the "brain drain" we hear the state and the GA complain about.

Don't listen to the predictable babble of the regulated community about regulations being "too burdensome." Listen to the citizens that are living with the ramifications of environmental regulations all around us. My voice should be just as important as any business looking to relocate here or trying to increase its production.

Regulation can always be more efficient. No one complains about that but the state and the Governor's Executive Orders should always make the health of its citizens and its natural resources its highest priorities.

While we can agree that the regulatory regime for the environment and health in Indiana could stand some improvement, especially in paper work, these Executive Orders are mostly in the wrong direction with the wrong intent. Regulation intended to improve public health should be added and greater enforcement of existing regulations is definitely warranted. Superfluous regulations should be either dropped or improved but health should always be the determinant criteria for Indiana's regulation for environment and health.

Eliminating the few regulations that are of real value will only improve the profits of polluters and send more people to their doctors offices or emergency rooms.

The state and IDEM need to make a commitment to the health of its citizens, the health of its natural resources, and then to the manufacturers.

That is how you create a better Indiana, not by letting polluters and developers do whatever they want.

Jim Sweeney

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From: hannahkeen09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hannah Keen
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 7:52:02 PM

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: wichitakeen09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hannah Keen
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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There is nothing that can justify the ignoring of environmental protection in our state, especially when it applies so heavily to concerns regarding both environmental and human health impacts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: jmagal2012@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jodi Magalski
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: vickielynnlamb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vickie Lamb
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana and protection against ongoing decline in our water quality.

I live on Follette Creek, Fremont Indiana a stunning area surrounded by natural habitat in Steuben County. This creek is a heavily traveled channel being a connection to the Snow and Lake James chains.

The Steuben County Lakes Council has been testing and protecting the lakes water quality for 40 years. As a member of the organization, I can report that the recent E coli tests at Follette Creek inlet were again positive. This resulted in a \$300.00 private well water test which resulted in an not so surprising "DO NO DRINK," BOIL WATER ALERT, and the initiation of well cleaning ASAP.

The well disinfection cost \$650.00 which is just a reduction in harmful bacteria and microorganisms, not a permanent fix. Naturally as a RN healthy drinking is extremely important to me and my family.

At the time of this disinfection process the well driller discussed the increase in pollution he sees and now recommends wells be dug 200 feet, not 150 feet like mine. Another cost of \$3,000 to \$15,000. After discussing this with my neighbors, I learned they wish to just drink bottled water. This cost could be a major burden.

However, just the mist from showering, inhaling, or brushing teeth with contaminated water can cause illness.

There are 400,00 wells in Indiana, IDEM has the records, monitors and investigates. Who is burdened? At what cost? The average cost of an ER visit in Indiana is \$1,618, the average inpatient day cost \$3,175.

Indiana's waterways are threatened by loss of natural habitat and an escalation of Agriculture and building industries.

Wetlands are crucial for filtering and buffering our water naturally. Our waterways need your attention. Please protect our remaining wetlands, waterways, and natural habitats. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, and consider strengthening the current CFO requirements under Title 327, Article 19, to reduce public health burdens. Many Indiana counties now have more animals than human population.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections. IDEM does not seemed overburdened, in fact many of their websites state, " they are to be fully prepared to help farmers and operate in a manner that protects Hoosiers and our environment.

This sounds like their job, rather than a burden.

Thank you,
In Health, Sincerely,
Vickie Lamb RN CCM
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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: rush_erin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Erin Rush
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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On a personal note, I have invested my personal time, energy, and finances to support protecting Indiana's environment. We have come so far at healing, protecting, and safely utilizing our environmental resources. PLEASE don't take us backwards! We need MORE protections, not less.

Please don't focus on short term financial benefits (that may or may not occur) at the cost of the future health of Indiana's natural environment and, by default, future Hoosiers' health.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: Ellen Raimondi
To: [IDEM @Indiana](#)
Subject: Indiana Environmental Regulation Review: In support of existing wetland regulation
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 6:31:19 PM

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Hello

I am not an Indiana resident, I frequently work with Indiana builders, residents, home-grown engineers, surveyors, and farmers. This may void my comment and I apologize in advance for that, but I wanted to send my comment in-case it would matter. My comment focuses on the current form of the Indiana Isolated Wetlands Law (13-18-22).

I work in wetlands all over Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Indiana, by far, has a more flexible and development-supportive wetland law. The ability to exempt low-quality, farmed isolated wetlands opens up development potential on the majority of Indiana land. I have directly seen development clients favor the direction of the law and support the approach to put the effort into keeping the high-functioning, high-quality wetlands preserved to protect our water equality, our flood management, and our habitat. My comment is to strongly encourage that the wetland law be unchanged. Wetlands protections were created out of necessity, and the law already uses the "best available science" to qualify that not all wetlands serve the same function and has implemented a permitting path that maintains wetland protections matter along side economic growth. This is not an excessive regulation or one that takes a considerable amount of effort for permitting. Wetland reviews are often done during due diligence and IDEM staff available to provide permit guidance at the start. This is a law that also promotes a large net-benefit for Indiana's environment. Public support of open space and wetland protections have been growing year by year. This law is great example of considering the benefit of an environmental regulation aimed at the public, and not just the developers.

IDEM should be proud of this program and should leave it unchanged during this time of regulation review. Further diminishing wetland protection will only benefit only developers, while the current level of wetland protection will benefit residents, tourism, developers, and wildlife. I hope Indiana sees this and understands they are doing a great job.

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From: Kevin Shellcroft
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Please Rescind Executive Order 25-38
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 6:21:12 PM

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Dear IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

From: dpoppa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dick Poppa
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 6:15:00 PM

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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Pam Wesolowski
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Protect our Air and Water with State level Protection
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 6:09:54 PM

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Federal regulations are not enough to protect Indiana's air and water- especially with an administration that seems to have other priorities.

We must keep Indiana state-level air and water protections in place!

Thank you,
Pam

Pam Wesolowski
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South Bend, IN

From: Ken Miller
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Feedback on Braun's Executive Order
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:54:40 PM

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I'm so disappointed to say I voted for Governor Braun. I had hoped that his views as a conservationist would make a difference when it came to environmental leadership. However, based on EOs it is clear that removing or minimizing environmental policy and governance are a priority. Every EO is nothing more than fostering unbridled economic development and an effort to eliminate any inconvenience to business.

I recently interviewed a successful businessman in waste recovery and asked him how he felt about environmental policy in Indiana. His response, with the camera off, was "I'm here because there is very little policy or enforcement, I can do pretty much what I want".

It is no mystery why Indiana scores so low on state quality-of-life and health ratings. A very low value has been placed on a healthy natural world around us, beyond how it can be used for economic development and individual greed.

Setting Indiana's standard at the federal level sets us up to be the lowest common denominator and prevents any environment initiative from Hoosiers.

It's time to step back and decide if we want to be recognized as environmental laggards and antagonists, or a state with pride about its healthy quality-of-life.

From: kgm6405@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Schonsheck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Hi, my name is Alex Jorck, and I live in Bloomington, IN. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. One of my children is already suffering from significant allergies, and I personally suffered from severe childhood asthma. I worry for my son's health and well-being if we further erode our already inadequate environmental protections. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

Futhermore, coal-fired power plants are no longer economically competitive. Forcing the dirtiest power plants to run uneconomically is damaging to our health and our pocket books.

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Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is CRITICAL. Can you imagine not having a plan of what to do when there's a fire in your house? What if we DIDN'T have systems in place to ensure security at a high school or a Pacers game or the statehouse?

Screwing around and finding out is not how our elected officials should be treating our state and our people. Like it or not, the weather is getting more severe due to climate change. Having plans in place is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

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From: ajorck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Jorck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:05:54 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Hi, my name is Alex Jorck, and I live in Bloomington, IN. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Bloomington has the benefit of being served by an especially clean water supply in the state largely due to how isolated it is from other regions. However, this isolation makes my community especially susceptible to environmental damages if Lake Monroe were to be heavily polluted in the future. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public. Stand up and protect us, not industry. Industry can innovate.

Necessity is the mother of invention. Make Hoosier industries innovate and develop stronger, healthier, safer practices.

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Sincerely,
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From: ajorck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Jorck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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My name is Alex Jorck, and I live in Bloomington, IN. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them. One of my children is already suffering from significant allergies, and I personally suffered from severe childhood asthma. I worry for my son's health and well-being if we further erode our already inadequate environmental protections.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 will harm Hoosiers' health by reducing or eliminating restrictions on open burning.

It is already sad and frustrating when I have to explain to my students that the school is not on fire, but rather our air intake system is just picking up whatever plastics, rubber and other random objects the person who lives across the street from the school is burning in their yard that day. I and our community's children suffer at least once a month because there are already not enough restrictions in place regarding open burning -- and that's just from your local yokel neighbor across the street... what about when businesses get to open burn? I fear for all of our lungs.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: ajorck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Jorck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Alex Jorck, and I live in Bloomington, IN. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced. I have 2 young children, and one of our children is already developing significant allergies. As someone who struggled with childhood asthma, I worry about my son's future health if we continue to erode environmental protections.

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From: lcgreenfield@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of L Haley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 5:00:44 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: ajorck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Jorck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. They also are key to some of my family's favorite pastimes as we enjoy visiting, birding, and hiking in the wetlands in South-Central Indiana.

Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: cdmathias@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Corbin Mathias
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:55:05 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 will result in exposing Hoosiers' to damaging, cancer-causing hazardous waste, by removing protections for people and the environment in favor of making it EASIER for businesses to dump toxic waste into our soil (where we grow our food), our water (that we drink from and swim in), and into our air (we all need to breathe).

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced. If business is the place of innovation, let our companies use their profits to innovate and find better ways to reduce their waste, dispose of waste more responsibly - rather than giving them a break and making it easier for them to dump with fewer restrictions.

Hoosiers are NOT overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the LACK of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

I am deeply saddened and frustrated that I need to write in about something that should be such common sense. We all thrive when live in a healthy environment.

Sincerely,
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From: tg
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-49 places significant economic and health burdens on every Hoosier.
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:48:27 PM

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Executive Order 25-49 places significant economic and health burdens on every Hoosier. A strategy for addressing climate change is essential for the physical and fiscal health of Hoosiers.

By forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

We don't have the luxury of ignoring the economic burdens of climate change. Our home insurance bill has increased \$465 (48%) from last year, as insurance companies are dealing with record-breaking payouts as the result of climate-related storms and fires.

Our air conditioner is set at 78 (not an excessively cool temperature for someone who is at risk for heat-related illness), and it has been running continually during the past week. We will see the economic impact on our electric bill next month, and probably throughout the summer.

I am fortunate that though it is challenging, I am able to pay these bills. Many Hoosiers face the terrible choice of risking their health in the heat or cutting other essentials to pay for air conditioning.

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Edward S. Gilman
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From: cdmathias@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Corbin Mathias
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:46:59 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 will negatively impact Hoosiers' health, quality of life, safety of their land, through the elimination of protections for natural wetlands in Indiana.

Wetlands are admittedly not sexy, but neither is your home's sump pump and plumbing system. Do you want to live in a home without a proper plumbing system in place? NO. Protecting our wetlands is crucial to sustain the watersheds, keeping the land, water,, and so much more of how our beautiful state flowing and working the way they all need to.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Please for the love of our people, our state, and the pleasant environment that makes it beautiful and function, protect our wetlands by keeping legal protections in place, not by removing them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: donnalmccarty@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donna McCarty
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:43:31 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana. The few remaining wetlands we have left are currently vulnerable and this proposed rollback would cause irreversible harm.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Donna McCarty
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From: tg
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38 is seriously flawed.
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:40:43 PM

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Executive Order 25-38 is seriously flawed.

Weakening environmental regulations reduces the quality of life for Hoosiers. Our lives depend on clean water, including water filtered by wetlands and groundwater that is invisible, but essential for thousands of Hoosiers. The costs of clean-up and restoration outweigh the costs of damage prevention, and result in a net cost to our communities. Regulations to protect citizens is the government's job. Weakening those protections is the real burden on Hoosiers.

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From: joeskel10@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Skelton
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: Arthur Toth
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Cc: [Arthur Toth](#)
Subject: Indiana order 25-38
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:29:58 PM

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Dear Governor,

Your executive order 25-38 is a bad idea and very short sighted. It does nothing to improve efficiency and puts the public health at risk. It makes about as much sense as what Flint MI did to save costs and ending up costing irreversible harm to the public through lead exposure to children and ruining lives. California has always been criticized by republicans for leading the nation in clean environmental leadership and has ended up as the 4th largest economy in the world so clearly it can be done without economic harm. What you and Trump are doing is shameful and reminiscent of Germany in the late 1930's and early 1940's. History will prove this to be true. You don't want to be on the wrong side of history when it undoubtedly arrives and be remembered like Hitler. Wake up and have show some integrity and character.

Sincerely,

Arthur S. Toth M.D.

Sent from my iPhone

From: vanmterek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vanessa Terek
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:17:36 PM

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From: vanmterek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vanessa Terek
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:17:32 PM

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From: vanmterek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vanessa Terek
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:17:00 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: vanmterek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vanessa Terek
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:16:39 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

I mean seriously, what year is it? Coal is not the future, and half of you fools running around the government won't be around in another 10 years, so why not look toward the future? Or better yet: surrender your seats to the next generation. Geriatric morons.

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From: vanmterek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vanessa Terek
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:15:07 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere. Braun: get your head out of your ass.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: vanmterek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vanessa Terek
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 4:13:23 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Indiana has an unexpected and often unappreciated natural beauty, and as a Hoosier with deep pride in my state it's my duty to protect our natural world.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: ech10yrs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Hegeman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 3:58:12 PM

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From: ech10yrs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Hegeman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: ejdavisin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Evelyn Davis
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 3:54:14 PM

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Hoosiers are already in the bottom 10 states of environmental safety regulation. So we rank poorly when it comes to clean air, clean water and renewable resources. Applying this executive order will only make us rank even worse.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed. Many Hoosiers are already struggling to pay their bills.

I am a volunteer with a nonprofit that helps individuals and families with rent, utilities and water bills. Over the last 2-3 years the requests for utilities (Center Point) assistance have steadily increased. There needs to be an optional energy resource. The option of community solar would not only be better for our environment but also be better for Hoosiers pocketbooks

Back to the topic of nuclear reactors, the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. Furthermore, the states that are already dealing with nuclear waste are facing issues on how and where to store it. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: indth33@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martin Jones
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to comment publicly on Executive Order 25-38. I am concerned that it may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

I have been a volunteer with the Ouabache Land Conservancy, Terre Haute, since 2011. Also, I have photographed over 350 species of birds in the state of Indiana since 2005. During this time, I have become keenly aware of how important wetlands are to the residents of Indiana and our wildlife.

Wetlands are so important in times of drought and floods. They help prevent water wells from drying, which is becoming more common in Vigo County. Since joining the Union, Indiana has lost 80+ percent of its original wetlands. It is time we work to restore and construct more wetlands, not further destroy and degrade them.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: momeehan47@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maureen Meehan
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We here in West Lafayette are being forced to accept a semiconductor plant nestled between numerous established neighborhoods. This comes from Purdue Research Foundation that basically is IEDC and constituents' concerns are not addressed. If the state feels investing in these fabs, then it is confusing as to what Indiana wants - fossil fuels or green energy? The semiconductor's solution to putting a fab in the middle of housing, restaurants, schools, day cares, is to donate land to build a day care center to use as a "buffer" That sounds about right - use the health of children to try to cover up all the environmental impacts such industry has on a community. Indiana has an extremely poor record on protecting our water, air and land. I swam in a river as a child 70 years ago but there are not many water bodies in this state I would get into. This is all the result of our business greed, lax or non existent environmental laws.

Indiana needs to improve on the loose fed laws especially since this current administration is. trying to go back to the years when people didn't know how these lack of protections affect our health. We know now. Our children and grandchildren deserve clean air, land and water. Corporate greed is not a positive way to leave a legacy for the future. Contrary to what a lot of political leaders think - not all Hoosiers believe destroying our natural resources and polluting our air, water and land just to make a buck is what we want.

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Thank you for listening.

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From: karen.weaver1029@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Weaver
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them. I live in a small town. There are times when my neighborhood reeks with the smell of acrid burning. It is frightening not to be able to depend on laws and guidelines--and enforcement officials--to prevent people from burning huge piles of tires and other dangerous items.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. It helps when laws are created and enforced to keep us safe.

Sincerely,
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From: karen.weaver1029@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Weaver
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: couch.katherine@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Couch
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm Katherine Couch, and I live in Indianapolis. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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From: karen.weaver1029@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Weaver
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: karen.weaver1029@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Weaver
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Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. The legislature has a huge responsibility to protect their constituents, and health the most important thing to protect, because without that, it won't matter how much money or other tangible items we have.

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From: couch.katherine@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Couch
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I live in Indianapolis, and I've been seeing increased flooding and damage in the urban and suburban areas where I live and work. Limiting ourselves to the stringency of federal regulations would be foolish. As extreme weather events increase in intensity and frequency, Hoosiers need the independence to create regulations that best suit our home.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: karen.weaver1029@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Weaver
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I think a climate plan is a great idea. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere. State agencies should be allowed and encouraged to consider as many factors as they can when making important decisions that will affect the lives of all Hoosiers.

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From: ljcumings721@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Cummings
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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During the wildfires last summer, the air quality was so poor that my garden didn't grow properly and I had headaches when I went outside. Open burning contributes to poor air quality even if it isn't the size of a forest fire. Clean air benefits everyone.

I realize it is a pain to find other ways to dispose of materials than openly burn them, but the reality is the air affects everyone, and polluted air affects everyone's health. Let's do all we can to make sure our air is as clean as possible and keep common-sense rules in place for public burning. Perhaps there are some components of the rules that don't make sense — get rid of those. But be sure to keep other rules in place that DO make sense even if they may cost a little more. Poor public health means higher insurance rates and ends up costing far more than simple fixes to have open burning be less hazardous.

Thinking more than one step ahead benefits all of us!

Thank you,
Laura Cummings

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From: karen.weaver1029@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Weaver
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Sometimes guidelines and laws are a good thing for the residents of a state. Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Let's invest in solar, wind power and other more natural types of energy that don't have the complications and byproducts of nuclear power.

Sincerely,
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From: plawton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Lawton
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: plawton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Lawton
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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I am a chemistry teacher at a high school and have had to get rid of hazardous chemicals.

It cost \$700 to properly dispose of the chemicals using a commercial firm. Fortunately, I was able to take them to Tox-Drop in Indianapolis for free. This allowed my school to use that \$700 for better educationally related things, and it protected the environment from hazardous chemicals.

Hazardous chemicals pose SERIOUS and REAL dangers to everyone's health and taxpayer funded systems to safety and properly dispose of them help protect everyone's health.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Cummings

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From: plawton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Lawton
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Sincerely,
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From: marciawbaron@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcia Baron
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:57:15 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49. I am strongly opposed to it. We absolutely need to have a plan to prepare for the severe toll that climate change will be (and already is) taking on Hoosiers. IDEM has been working on this and I am concerned that EO-49 will be used to eliminate that important work. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health, economic security, and general well-being. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Related to this, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, and the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses.

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Sincerely,
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From: Dave Weber
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental regulations
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:55:57 PM

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Our state environmental laws have been passed for a reason, to protect our health & preserve the nature we have left. We humans are part of nature.

Just in the past week, the waters of Geist reservoir, eagle creek reservoir, and White river have been found to have high levels of E-coli bacteria. Nearly every small stream near me have signs warning people to not come into contact with the water. Air, water, and land pollution affects everyone's health and quality of life.

Governor Braun, you are old enough to remember the terrible pollution from the 1960's. We have much better air & water now than we back then and yet businesses have thrived and been profitable. We can have both good business and strict environmental laws. If business interests are complaining about speed of permits, perhaps we need more IDEM employees. IDEM budgets seem to shrink with every state budget for the last 20 years. Increasing their budget could help both businesses and the environment.

Indiana is habitually rated as one of the most polluted states in the country. Please do not eliminate environmental regulations. Let's make our home state a place people want to set up business, not someplace we have to pay business to move here. No one wants to live in a polluted state!

Sent from my iPad

From: Chris Martinez
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:52:38 PM

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Hello,

I am Christopher Martinez and as an Indiana resident I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to Governor Braun's executive order 25-38.

This order will hurt ordinary hard-working Hoosiers allowing corporations to increase their pollution of our waterways and air. Our lord entrusted us to care for the earth and our state should be doing its best to ensure that our children get a chance to breath clean air and swim without fear of industrial runoff. I ask that the state and Governor reconsider their actions and work towards developing environmental standards that take the unique needs of our state into account.

Thank you for your time on this matter,

Christopher Martinez

From: tchmm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael McCartin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:41:33 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I am deeply concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: lyons.russell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Russell Lyons
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:34:08 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: lyons.russell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Russell Lyons
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: lyons.russell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Russell Lyons
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: lyons.russell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Russell Lyons
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: murkat06@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathleen Murphy
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Hello,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from climate change in Indiana.

Our home repairs due to increased rain from climate change has costed us over \$10,000 this year alone. We have to install a new drain system when the rainfall just accumulates and the level of rain is destroying our foundation. This year, our bedroom ceiling collapsed after an unprecedented freeze and subsequent ice dam even though we paid for an annual roofing check and repair before it happened. Our roofer said that he just can't keep up with the severe weather changes. We cannot continue to afford weather related damage that is absolutely linked to climate change in Indiana, so please, know the science and the absolute necessity of protecting environmental regulation and more importantly lead in climate change science so we have tree canopies in place, farm land rich in biodiversity from wetlands protection, and renewable energy to protect our great state and my home and the homes of all Hoosiers.

Please research and support resilient solutions and legislation that protects our natural resources not laws that will deregulate environmental protection and increase the threat of climate change destruction for my family and the entire state. Please lead with facts not partisanship.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Murphy

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From: hnmonroe7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hannah Monroe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Sincerely,
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From: hnmonroe7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hannah Monroe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 2:09:14 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: labellebrown@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ginger LaBelle
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Sincerely,
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From: labellebrown@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ginger LaBelle
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: byobags@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Schene
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Sincerely,
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From: byobags@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Schene
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Our family experiences the very real reality of open burning several times a year. Not long ago, someone in a neighborhood beyond ours decided to set fire to items that must have contained toxic materials. The acrid smoke burned our eyes and made being outside impossible. HOW is this still a thing in 2025 anywhere in a civilized country?

Sincerely,
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From: Linda Austin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Protest our air, water and lakes!
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 1:42:05 PM

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I'm all in favor of efficiency but not at the expense of rolling back regulations designed to protect our air, water and lakes,

I live on a lake, and I depend on it and its wetlands for two important things:

- 1) My drinking water. I use a well.
- 2) My property values. People will stop wanting to buy on my lake if the water is not clean enough to boat, fish, swim and ski,.

Please keep environmental regulations that protect our health, environment and well-being!

Linda Austin

From: byobags@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Schene
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: byobags@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Schene
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana. Please see my personal comments.

Our family moved to Indiana in 1997 on a job relocation. We were drawn to the natural beauty of the areas around Brown County, so we decided to continue living here even after a new job opportunity presented itself. Later, we relocated to an existing neighborhood in Carmel. When first we arrived, and for the nearly the first decade, it was not uncommon to still hear "spring peepers" from our own property. Maybe this seems overly sentimental, but those tiny frogs are a very important sign of a healthy eco system.

We also enjoyed taking our children to the areas just above 146th in the summer to watch thousands of fireflies light up the forested areas dotted around family farms. Sadly, almost ALL of these have been destroyed, wetlands drained, and golf courses installed or worse...a parking lot. Over the nearly THREE decades we have been here, we have watched while this city and others found "workarounds" to ignore protections for our aquifers. "Flowing Well", for example is no longer flowing so well. Again, these details may seem inconsequential when one is counting TAX REVENUE or BANK DEPOSITS as a measure of "health," but these disappearing wetlands will lead to HIGHER costs down the road, both directly and indirectly.

While CORPORATIONS interests are placed at a higher value than protecting the WATER we all NEED, humans, ecosystems, and wildlife suffers. The insanity of it all is breathtaking. Braun and his MAGA interests are walking us closer and closer to endless disasters. There is no amount of money that will replace the old forests and the aquifers that have been destroyed. You have sold off our actual heritage for something that will NEVER fill your soul, and greed can never be appeased. History proves this reality.

Wetlands and forests are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: jocalynkaranen@everysactioncustom.com on behalf of Jocelyn Karanen
To: [Jedidiah](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may increase the economic burden of Hoosiers due to increased open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. The economic burden on asthma is significant for the state of Indiana. Indiana has a rate of emergency department visits due to asthma of 31.8 per 10,000 people. That equates to roughly 22,000 ED visits a year for the state. The average cost for these ED visits is roughly \$1,500 per visit (<https://protect.checkpoint.com/v2/04U1...YzJ1OeN0YXR8b2Zpbm8pYVW3bGhmM6h0owZjpwOTg5Mjc3MWU5OW11NzgZWFmZjhmNjQwOWMsMTc3OmlE4ODAGV2Y2OWE3YmFmZjhmNjZjOGYyVjZjMD8bZjhmYmZjZTVVZDEzZTZzMDRlMj11ZTZAMjViyg3ZmfKZTFfYjVVA8jpwOQ6TG8>). Medicaid is often used to cover the expenses of these visits, which is often paid for by the state.

In addition to open burning being a costly trigger for asthma, it also reduces money generated by the state through fees collected from waste pick up and drop off. In some cases, pick up is even free on a monthly basis. Rather than allow individuals/groups to utilize open burning (which creates localized air pollution that creates an economic burden on all within its range), we should encourage them to use the tools available to them.

Sincerely,
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From: hoferita@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Hofer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 1:33:07 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

This is my public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect our people. It's 2025 and we have cleaner energy alternatives. The coal industry lobbyists shouldn't run this state.

We lack environmental protections in Indiana. This places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: hoferita@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Hofer
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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This is my public comment on Executive Order 25-49 because it places undue economic and health burdens on the people of Indiana. I believe EO-49 will be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate helps us all - our health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere. His wanting to forbid state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon in policy making is ignorance of science.

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The lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: s.m.mancini@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Rutter
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 1:20:57 PM

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From: hoferita@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Hofer
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'd like to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in Indiana. In particular, environmental impact of nuclear reactors, which is concerning and worrisome.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Indiana's ratepayers at risk of huge increases in their utility bills, due to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of our health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

Despite what Gov. Braun and the current administration says, Indiana isn't not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: dubedoo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Liz Dube
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

I have asthma and my health is significantly impacted by air quality. I am not just a weak outlier. Just like the canary in the coal mine, I am a harbinger of what is to come if we continue on a path that largely disregards the necessity of caring for our air, water, soil and plant life. We are not separate from "the environment"/"nature"—we are part of nature and cannot life without it. We neglect care for the air and land that nurtures us at our own peril.

Please take a longer view, beyond short term conveniences and an indulgence of "individual freedoms." True freedom is the awareness that we are connected and beholden to caring for each other, including the natural world that we are a part of and that we need to survive—and even thrive, in ways that are unimaginable from a shortsighted separate and selfish view that prioritizes "individual freedoms". Yes, let's embrace diversity and individuality, but let's at the same time recognize that we are a community that relies on each other and a healthy planet.

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From: dubedoo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Liz Dube
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on the deeply concerning dangers Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I see that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff, and fear this happening to our precious land that we and future generations need to live more in harmony with in order to survive.

I live along the St. Joseph River and see that it—and the communities it supports—have been deeply negatively impacted by stormwater runoff flowing into the river. From the ecosystem of the river that is sickened and in many cases killed off as a result of this toxic dumping, and beyond. The myriad of dangerous and disturbing impacts of this toxic dumping extend beyond the health of our river ecosystem locally, and our reduced inability to enjoy and interact with this tremendous resource, to the massive dumping of toxins by this river into Lake Michigan. I have sat on the dock in St. Joseph, MI where the St. Joseph River enters Lake Michigan and was astonished to see the murky brown river dumping into the (relatively) beautiful Lake Michigan. This is not a matter of aesthetics or a case of "out of sight out of mind." Our rivers and lakes are a precious resource that we are not separate from. We must take care to manage our waste in ways that do not toxify the environment that nurtures us and future generations.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: gadski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Ellen Gadski
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Open burning is a sign of a primitive society that has no knowledge of the effects of environmental pollution. I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

I check the AQI figure every day to see if it is safe for me to go for a walk. Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults.

Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them!

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Sincerely,
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From: gadski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Ellen Gadski
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: czandstra05@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Craig Zandstra
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I live in Lake County where every single lake, stream, ditch, and river are on IDEM's 303d impaired waterbody list. We need to protect more wetlands, riparian areas, forest, and grasslands which will improve water quality, provide additional flood storage, and allow public access and recreational opportunities.

This will truly improve the quality of life for Indiana residents and raise adjacent private land values.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: boblin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Leliaert
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: Julie Hall
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: regulation rollback
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 12:33:51 PM

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With the Clean Air and Water Acts being cut back at the federal level, now is not the time to weaken state environmental regulation.

When we bring new industries here, we need to protect the communities around them. You attract people to the state with air and water quality, good schools, and a high quality of life. Without that, we just send the profits out of state, to somewhere that the people in the C suite are willing to live.

Corporations have a duty to make the most money possible for their shareholders. One duty of good government is to keep those corporations from harming their communities in order to maximize profits. Please do your duty and make sure that industries in this state remain good neighbors.

Sincerely,

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From: lfuderer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Fuderer
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Thank you.
Laura Fuderer

Sincerely,
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From: lfuderer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Fuderer
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: lfuderer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Fuderer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: lfuderer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura Fuderer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 12:17:18 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

In Indiana we have lost over 85% of our precious wetlands -- PLEASE do not reduce remaining regulations that protect what little are left.

Environmental regulations do not burden us Hoosiers, but rather PROTECT us from polluters who seek profits by destroying vital wetlands.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Thank you.
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From: mollicobrien@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mollie Siebert
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm an Indiana farm owner and am writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

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Sincerely,
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From: mollicobrien@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mollie Siebert
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 12:13:33 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: mollicobrien@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mollie Siebert
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 12:12:35 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: nathan.kroeze99@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nathan Kroeze
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Nathan Kroeze, and I reside in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. I'm writing to express deep concern over Executive Order 25-38 and its potential to further erode protections for Indiana's already imperiled wetlands.

As someone with a background in ecology, I've spent years studying and observing wetland ecosystems. I know how essential they are, not just for biodiversity, but for human communities. Wetlands recharge aquifers, reduce flood risks, filter pollutants, and buffer us from the effects of extreme weather. Once they are lost, these life-supporting functions are nearly impossible to replace.

Indiana has already lost over 85% of its original wetlands, and recent legislative actions have weakened protections even further. Rather than limiting our ability to adopt safeguards beyond federal minimums, our state should be working to strengthen Indiana Code 13-18-22 and ensure the long-term sustainability of our water, land, and wildlife.

Hoosiers are not burdened by strong environmental protections—we are burdened by their absence. Executive Order 25-38 risks making our communities more vulnerable to flooding, water contamination, and ecological decline. Federal standards should serve as a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana must retain the authority to adopt more protective measures when science and local conditions demand it.

Please protect Indiana's wetlands by preserving the state's ability to implement stronger environmental safeguards where they are needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nathan Kroeze
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From: knott.adam232@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Adam Knott
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:57:28 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on a couple topics. The governor can't be supported in weakening environmental regulations and extending the life of coal burning. That's it. Doing both ensures a worse future for the next generations and would be a supreme embarrassment

Sincerely,

Adam Knott, a pissed off resident

Sincerely,
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From: downlin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Downer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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This is the equivalent of saying Climate Change is not impacting the populus and turning a blind eye to the toll it is taking. I am aghast at this document!

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From: johnahoffman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Hoffman
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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I have gone a step further than most residents. I have a rain garden that collects my runoff and allows it to drain into the soil. This was easy to do, created a butterfly garden and keeps my sidewalk from becoming muddy and slippery. Rather than weaken laws more encouragement should be made to people to try this tactic and help with runoff. The runoff from lots with houses can leach animal waste and nutrients added to grow those green lawns.

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I'm over 70 and the air quality affects me in a larger way than others. I am amazed that you want to weaken laws about this. I ride a bike around town and even in the city of Carmel we have idiots that are open burning in the Fall and Spring against the law. It affects everyone within blocks. I have a sister who developed lung cancer and she NEVER smoked...its all about the air quality.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 not only supports an outdated, overly expensive energy source, but also may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. As a Hoosier who grew up in lake-rich Kosciusko County, I know personally the value of ensuring our waterways are environmentally protected. Clean water in our rivers and lakes is essential for small businesses all over the state that depend on fishing, swimming, and watersports which attract visitors and vacationers. There are also real economic consequences (billions of dollars) to the health issues that polluted air and water cause. Finances aside, relying on coal unapologetically reduces Hoosiers' quality-of-life. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: downlin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Downer
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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SMRs have a horrible track record - there have been no successful SMR projects to date. Putting the burden of risk on taxpayers means Hoosiers like me will have to grapple with even higher energy bills, when paying for basic needs like utilities is already difficult for many. Moreover, there are plenty of other alternative-energy technologies like wind and solar that have a great track record of economic viability and positive environmental impact.

In contrast, the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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MOREOVER, Braun shows complete disrespect to Hoosiers by attempting to impose a disregard for all of the costs that carbon emissions has on everyday people. My peers' difficulty breathing becoming near that of my grandparents despite every attempt made at healthier lifestyles doesn't matter? Wow. I suppose Braun's claim of "Make Indiana Healthy Again" was all a lie, but I suppose that isn't a surprise. He's the type to slide in edits on legislation in the 11th hour without public comment (as he did with the IU Board changes). A REAL Christian moves in broad daylight. A TRUE politician of the people puts policies to votes. Braun's efforts to remove Hoosier's voices from their government is laughably obvious totalitarianism and he will experience the social cost of carbon emission that he seeks to deny, as will his children, and their children, for generations to come.

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The White River in Indiana has historically been one of the most polluted rivers in the country, enough so that when I was in high school, I had teachers mention how the river used to catch on fire due to all of the waste that would run into it. We should not be reducing the protections of our waterways for the profits of companies who make bank on the illnesses of our neighbors and then add to the ongoing long wait times and understaffing of our hospitals. If IDEM doesn't want to "impose more environmental burdens on businesses," then they should leave existing regulations alone instead of removing them, especially when removing said protections risks the health of Hoosiers in irreparable ways, with nary a means of reprieve or path of justice/reconciliation/making right for Hoosiers harmed by the destruction of said environmental protections (which are already more lax than most of the rest of the country, unfortunately).

See this resource for additional historical and data information: https://protect.checkpoint.com/v2/r01/_https://www.sierraclub.org/Sierra/polluted-indianapolis-white-river-cleanup___YzJlOnN0YXRlb2ZpbmRpYW5hOmM6bzo1MDZiZGJkNzlxYjRkZWZmMzNmZDBjNTg5OTRlZW00Nj03Ojc4YzM6ZTZlNjY3YmVINjNkOTRlNjI2MzBjZjcwZTY5ZTNkNjIwYmNhZWlyOGE3OTdmYjNiZjRmZGY3ZTQ3OGFiMTVhOTpwOIQ6Tg

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From: hernandez.christo
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Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 11:11:57 AM

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Christopher Hernandez 5698 Appledown Ave Portage, IN 46368 Hernandez . Christo@att.net 219.743.0852.
6/30/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and resident of Indiana to strongly urge decision-makers and regulatory bodies to increase protections and oversight of our public water supply--not reduce them.

Water is a fundamental human need and right. It is essential not only for the health and well-being of our families but also for the strength of our communities, economy, and environment. Weakening water regulations puts all of this at risk.

Across the country, we have seen the consequences of lax oversight: contamination, illness, ecosystem degradation, and the erosion of public trust. Indiana cannot afford to follow that path. Instead, we should be leading with policies that prioritize clean, safe, and accessible drinking water for all Hoosiers -now and for future generations.

I urge our state legislators and regulatory agencies to strengthen water quality standards, enforce stricter monitoring of pollutants, and invest in aging infrastructure to prevent contamination. We need transparency, accountability, and public involvement decisions that affect our most vital resource.

Please stand on the side of health, science, and the long-term public interest by supporting stronger--not weaker-regulations for Indiana's public water supply.

Sincerely, Christopher Hernandez

From: tylyn3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tylyn Johnson
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This Mirror Indy article should tell you all you need to know about how poorly Hoosiers fair when we don't protect our air quality. https://protect.checkpoint.com/v2/r01/___https://mirrorindy.org/near-westside-higher-rate-lung-cancer-disease-marion-county-health-department/___YzJlOnN0YXRlb2ZpbmRpYW5kbOmM6bzo4MmYwZmEzYWZlYmY1YjEwMDYwMGQ0ZDBiMTUwMzo3OjlnNzc6NWVzZTQ1YzIzMW4NDjU5ZmI0NGNINTBjMGIyZWZlZiNk1MzBhMjM4ZmExMW5kZW40YWM5M2VhZjM3MzY0NTpwOIQ6TG

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We already see that on the Westside of Indianapolis, where I have several beloved longtime friends, whose families have resided on the Westside for decades, how they've experienced greater levels of illness and lower property value due to the fallout of nearby factories that were not held to any meaningful standards with regard to hazardous waste. There are articles in Mirror Indy, a nonprofit local journalism agency, providing interviews of longtime Westsiders who have lost loved ones to the poor hazardous waste conditions of the city. We should do better, especially as out-of-state Big Tech tries to buy up our land to put up facilities that will poison neighbors the same way as has occurred in in our southern neighbor Kentucky.

If IDEM sells out our health and wellbeing to the likes of Big Tech and their false claims of bringing jobs/demand to our communities, then IDEM will be just as liable for the lawsuits that will eventually come as people find themselves becoming increasingly ill and experienced higher utility costs.

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From: donald.winslow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Winslow
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In general, I think that the Governor's Executive Order is ill-advised, considering that the federal government is rolling back many environmental protections, and it may indeed become necessary for Indiana to adopt regulations that are more stringent than federal standards.

In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana and to weaken regulations concerning solid and hazardous waste.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

I live in an agricultural area, and farmers have in recent years had difficulty in producing crops for market. It has been raining a lot during the spring, but then it goes into an extended drought in the late summer and fall. Farmers have to wait until it's dry enough to work the soil to get their crops in, but once it gets to be dry, the rain that does come just runs off the field. If we protect wetlands, that will keep water from running off during the dry season and make it easier for Hoosier farmers to produce food.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: tylyn3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tylyn Johnson
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From: Susan Kenning
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental regulations
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All states need to have environmental regulations that guide industries, businesses, and communities. Time and again, history has shown that when left to regulate themselves, many fail, And the environment and our citizens pay the price, literally, in terms of poorer health, increased healthcare, environmental degradation, and taxpayers footing the bill for clean up. Please, do not take away our much needed protections for the environment, for the sake of increasing development and it's profits.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Susan Kenning

From: caryfuller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cary Fuller
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Wetlands and other public natural environments are necessary for economic growth because they draw people to our state to experiences only found in natural settings. In addition people want to live where the water and air is safe and pollutant free. Allowing more pollution for the sake of economic growth is a misguided priority.

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From: kaylafryehair@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kayla Frye
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: esfarms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Tarallo
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: esfarms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Tarallo
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: randy.arnold@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Arnold
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

Why are we not making the more reasonable investment in proven technology - renewable energy such as wind and solar? This idea that small nuclear reactors are a realistic and practical technology is complete fantasy. The technology is still years, if not decades, from being practical. Let's not gamble with unproven technology. Invest wisely in renewables!

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Dear IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you protect the resources we all depend on.

Traci Lutton
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From: esfarms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Tarallo
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 10:18:18 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a PhD Analytical Chemist, I understand the importance of protecting the natural environment from hazardous waste. I work in an industry that measures the levels of harmful contaminants in our environment and I must tell you that recent levels of some compounds are very concerning. In terms of long-lasting impacts to human health, there are not many practices more critical than proper disposal of hazardous waste.

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From: aaronrprovencio@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aaron Provencio
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From: pbj442@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pam Tosch
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 10:17:26 AM

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In northern Michigan, one to one net metering is a reality. Different options are being used elsewhere to reduce pollution, improve health, and save on utility bills. Why does Indiana continue down the road as being rated one of THE WORST states in regard to promoting RENEWABLE clean energy?

Sincerely,
Pam Tosch

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From: ejeanwins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Erica Winstead
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: rjboklund@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Boklund MSES
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: rjboklund@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Boklund MSES
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 10:03:14 AM

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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: rjboklund@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Boklund MSES
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 10:02:42 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: robdebeck64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert De Beck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Hoosiers life expectancies are 3 years below the national average. Exposure to the fallout from coal-fired power plants including mercury, lead, arsenic, and other hazardous particles is a major factor in shortening lives of Hoosiers. Those states downwing of Indiana such as Michigan and Ohio suffer from our airborne pollution from our coal plants.

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From: robdebeck64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert De Beck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 9:57:24 AM

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From: robdebeck64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert De Beck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 9:55:55 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Radioactive waste from nuclear energy has a half-life of thousands of years. We can't allow ourselves to be exposed to the dangers of radioactive nuclear energy.

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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 9:51:53 AM

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Open burning is nothing more than cheap polluters trying to save money on properly disposing solid waste. We've seen the deadly results of our troops from burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan. We've lost good young veterans due to exposure to open burning pollution. Weak current laws and enforcement are already inadequate to protecting public health. Further weakening the open burning laws would lead to more and earlier deaths and illnesses such as lung cancer, asthma, COPD, and other respiratory issues.

Indiana has a longevity rate 3 years below the national average and more comparable to developing nations. Indiana has to do better. We should not be happy being one of the least healthy states in the nation.

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From: robdebeck64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert De Beck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 9:44:46 AM

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Hoosiers live 3 years less than the national average. Some of that loss of longevity is due to poor environmental conditions and exposure to pollution sources such as hazardous waste.

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From: robdebeck64@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert De Beck
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Wetlands are necessary to protect our surface waters such as lakes and streams which provide billions in tourism, jobs, recreation, home values, taxes, and many other benefits.

Developing wetlands cost much more in economic benefits lost than what small gains there are in developing them.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Margaret Lechner
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 9:40:03 AM

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Executive Order 25-49 places significant economic and health burdens on me and every Hoosiers. A strategy for addressing climate change is essential for the physical and fiscal health of Hoosiers.

By forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

I don't have the luxury of ignoring the economic burdens of climate change.

I will be paying my home insurance bill this week. I have not submitted any claims, but that bill has increased \$465 (48%) from last year, as insurance companies are dealing with record-breaking payouts as the result of climate-related storms and fires.

My air conditioner is set at 78 (not an excessively cool temperature for someone who is at risk for heat-related illness), and it has been running continually during the past week. I will see the economic impact on my electric bill next month, and probably throughout the summer.

I am fortunate that though it is challenging, I am able to pay these bills. Many Hoosiers face the terrible choice of risking their health in the heat or cutting other essentials to pay for air conditioning.

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From: tonenkat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn Lisinicchia
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From: tonenkat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn Lisinicchia
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: palmer8815@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Palmer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Rather than spending money on extending the life of these old, polluting facilities, Indiana needs to encourage utilities to invest in expanding less expensive, cleaner renewable solar and wind energy facilities and batteries. Furthermore Indiana should make it more attractive to put power generation where it closer to where it is needed.

Only by making rational, science-based decisions will the lives of our children and grandchildren be improved from the fate of more fires, floods and economic burden which has been and will increasingly be borne by them in the near future. Climate change denialism is not the answer.

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From: tdoehrman8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Taylor Doehrman
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: saleema@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Areesha Saleem
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

this is the worst executive order ive ever heard in my life, what the heck guys

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From: tdoehrman8@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Taylor Doehrman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: saleema@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Areesha Saleem
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: saleema@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Areesha Saleem
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From: racliburn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Branco
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From: Margaret Lechner
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Executive Order 25-38 is seriously flawed.

Weakening environmental regulations reduces the quality of life for Hoosiers. Our lives depend on clean water, including water filtered by wetlands and groundwater that is invisible. The costs of clean-up and restoration outweigh the costs of damage prevention, and result in a net cost to our communities. Regulations to protect citizens is the government's job. Weakening those protections is the real burden on Hoosiers.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Today's Hoosiers deserve better than state-supported climate change denialism from our state leaders.

Sincerely,
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From: mlwiggin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike Wigginton
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: Stephanie Briggs
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Subject: Comments on Environmental Regulation
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To Whom It May Concern,

I've called Indiana my home for nearly 21 years. The things that make me proudest of this great state are all the natural miracles we have: slivers of Lake Michigan, great sand dunes, a multitude of rivers and small lakes, and marsh and swamp land that remains home to some of the most interesting creatures in the country.

I am no scientist, though I trust that scientific organizations and researchers are providing you with plenty of quantitative evidence to continue regulating and protecting the environment. What I am is a proud Hoosier who appreciates beautiful things and strongly believes that the environment—its farm lands, its swamps, its beaches, its animals—deserves protection and consideration. Nature is something that brings us all together, the one aspect of our world that we all agree is peaceful and beautiful.

If protecting the environment means waiting a few extra weeks for a new building project, or more expensive tar to avoid harmful forever chemicals, or whatever modern inconveniences appear when we try to change things, I am willing to bear this burden.

The environment is not something to play with. It cannot handle the whims and ego of humanity. Once things are lost, they are gone. They do not come back. Species of plants or animals. Acres of a certain biome. A biodiverse environment means healthier land, therefore healthier people, and that is not something I am willing to sacrifice.

I strongly encourage the IDEM to reconsider rolling back environmental regulations, and to remind Hoosiers what we gain by making conservation efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Briggs | Resident and Voter in Elkhart, Indiana

From: eric.r.riddle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Riddle
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. I have lived in Columbus, IN, since 1996 and want our state legislators to proactively improve the pollution issues in our great state. I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

In my work with churches and other houses of worship across the state, I hear stories of health issues (especially in northwestern and southwestern Indiana) that weaken the air quality for Hoosiers.

In many other matters of governance, our state legislature wants to create policies that show our independence from federal policies. We need to do the same for our approach to environmental concerns. The pollution in each state is unique to the state. We can not rely on the federal government to know our state well enough to help Hoosiers.

I am tired of seeing Indiana in the bottom 10 among all 50 states in key environmental statistics like air quality.

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From: cylmilner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia L Milner
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From: corinnechatterton@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Corinne Chatterton
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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We live on the edge of Plymouth wetlands. A large housing addition was built across from us. Because we live on the downward land slope, many dangerous environmental fluids washed or ran down towards our house. The ditch on their side of road consistently filled up as the construction on land built up 4 feet for their housing.

Indiana has LONG been unconcerned about water quality. Rain escalated the issues. Construction undermined our housing foundation.

As a Proud Hoosier from a farm background, the Indiana I grew up in has weakened many protections.

Our water table has changed. It will continue, esp. If the KANKAKEE is drained.

I am on 2 housing committees, and work with United Way and Mayors office, so I understand how important affordable housing is.

Short term advancements affect us all!

Protect us from further harm.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: sopranoamo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Bice
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: sopranoamo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Bice
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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I have witness first hand industrial runoff issues in our pond. When the road near my house was being redone we had several huge rain events. The runoff cause the pond to look like dark coffee one minute and like milk had been dumped in it as the silt ran into and through the ditches and into our pond. With the help of our local Soil and Water Conservation personnel strong environmental rules were enforced. NIBCO was required to put in rip rap and take other measures to remedy the problem and it worked. KEEP our common sense Hoosier environmental laws PROTECTING ALL HOOSIERS!

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From: jaklein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judy Klein
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: jaklein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judy Klein
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: dlohrman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Lohrmann
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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I've seen wetlands filled in in my own community "just because we want to" with no good reason. The result was loss of habitat and less buffer for a local stream.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: bethsnider@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beth Snider
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:30:14 AM

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Smelling the stench of confined animal operations and when they spread the "stench" on the fields is bad enough. Open burning creates and increases localized areas of poor air quality. ON really HOT days, like the heat wave we are coming through, it is a challenge to be outside without air pollution from open burning. It only adds to "no zone action" days which also can make it difficult to be outside and be active. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:29:31 AM

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From: riverking68@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Fisher
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:26:56 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Hello,

Regarding Executive Order 25-38.

I appreciate the notion of reducing red tape and burdensome regulation, but please accept my perspective rain falls on our whole state and runs off everyone's land. Basic regulations regarding what that runoff washes into our waterways is legitimate duty of government. If someone takes a picture of themselves in Indiana it usually has a water body in the background. We need to protect that water, regardless of who owns the land.

Wetlands are also an important break in an otherwise developed landscape and present many other benefits to Hoosiers.

I am almost always against federal regulations, and many are being reduced currently, but don't hold that against us! State environmental laws are better!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: smithersjordan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jordan Smithers
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: smithersjordan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jordan Smithers
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:25:57 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Just last August Edd's Supply in Shipshewana dumped agricultural waste into our wetland area causing a fish kill of over 2000 fish in a small pond. Thankfully IDEM came to investigate the cause and found the source to be Edd's. Many people love to fish and want to be able to eat the fish. In fact right now more people are fishing again for food as the national Tariff's are putting the trailer factory workers out of work. Resourceful Hoosiers turn to fishing for food. Keep our wetlands and therefore waterways safe for the wildlife. In addition keep any of those creatures consumed for food safe to eat. NO ONE wants to get sick or cancer from contaminated water or by consuming fish from those waters.

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From: John Ploof
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I am writing in strong opposition to Governor Braun's "Creating Opportunity through Reduction of Excessive Regulation." This proposed legislation is short-sighted and disregards the reason that environmental regulation was called into being.

This disregard for the health and well-being of residents of Indiana is shameful and should be rejected at every turn. Protecting our common environment is not "unduly burdensome". There is no reason why we can't have a thriving economy that works in tandem with environmental protection policy.

I am a resident of Gary, Indiana and have had personal experience of the pollution in our air and water in our state. If legislators wish to reduce or eliminate environmental regulation, why not begin next door to where they live and work?

Respectfully,
John W. Ploof <<mailto:jploof@saic.edu>>

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From: bspeth1948@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Speth
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: bethsnider@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beth Snider
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My property has State Of Indiana waters running through it. We have two ponds with a culvert in between. The county considers one a settling pond for sediment. As more and more little wetland areas are filled more and more water and its sediment run through our ponds filling them in and decreasing filtration. In addition our little stream runs on to empty into Shipshewana lake and we are the buffer for torrential rains to handle volume as well. However as the ponds fill because other wetlands are filled in the people on the canal to the lake are in danger of flooding more than they used to be.

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From: bethsnider@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beth Snider
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: bethsnider@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beth Snider
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:11:13 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Global warming is here and already ruining our economy and lives. Last year the peach grower near us, that we try to buy from every year, had no peaches because it never got cold enough for the trees to set a crop. This is only one example and there are many others of crop failures occurring because of global warming no matter the cause. We are having more frequent heat waves like the one we are just ending. Many people and animals have suffered. WE DO KNOW Carbon increase in the atmosphere does NOT help so let us NOT be STUPID in Indiana! For God's sake listen to our own Indiana based universities and scientists, yes many are Republicans too!

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: clemieux@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlotte Lemieux
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Greetings!

I am an active and engaged citizen and a former IDEM and DNR employee. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and the future economic security of our State. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

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Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens of future CO2 emissions place on us, unlike our good Governor who only cares about immediate benefit for his cronies. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: bethsnider@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beth Snider
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 8:03:58 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

STOP the business world from ripping us off again. They raise our rates because we have allowed them to have share holders who are not customers. Utilities are basic needs and the customers should not be subject to shareholder profits and the whims of the industry to experiment with new products. Let the shareholders suffer the costs!

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: w_mcdonald18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gdog McDonald
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 7:59:46 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I watch farm and sewer runoff everyday here in western Hancock county. I know why no Hoosier plays in any of our streams. We could fix that.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Sincerely,
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From: cherylrix57@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cheryl Nix
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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I suffered from childhood asthma and had to be hospitalized because of it. Difficulty breathing is a terrifying experience.

Recently fires in CANADA have reduced air quality in Indiana and forced us all to stay indoors and buy air purifiers. The haze was a reminder of days gone by BEFORE regulations.

Let's not return to those times. Clean air matters.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Nix

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From: donluepke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald M Luepke
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There are few items that are more important than clean water and the environment. Wetlands are absolutely necessary to maintain the integrity of our precious gift of clean and vibrant water. I work very hard for the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy to make our area a Community of Stewards. Please do not destroy our efforts. The great asset of the 101 lakes in Steuben County are depending on you showing your wisdom to protect our legacy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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In St. Joseph County, industry is expanding. We have a new battery plant and numerous data centers under construction. This is no time to roll back protections when there are nearby towns and homes that could be affected. Many of these businesses sit atop our precious aquifer. Keep protections in place!

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Sincerely,
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I live near a small wetlands that would fall into the class that would lose protections. I walk along this beautiful preserve and witness ducks and small animals, hear songbirds and enjoy this natural gift. And neighbors know that their homes are less likely to flood because of this local wetlands area.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: jenna.meer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jenna Hickey
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The greatest memories of my childhood were spent at my parents lake cottage in NE Indiana. Days where I spent hours in the water. Now with less and less protection from hazardous waste pollution, industrial stormwater runoff, and fewer wetlands protections (which help clean our waters), I don't trust the safety of our waterways and I fear my infant niece and my future children will not have the same opportunity to enjoy our natural resources that had. Without at least maintaining the protections we have now I fear the quality of our waterways will only continue to degrade. Also as a home owner I fear the impact to my property values and those of my family member's if we don't continue to protect the natural resources that give value and recreation to our communities.

Our state already has some of the lightest environmental restrictions in the United States further rolling back some of the few regulations we do have will not incentivize companies to come to our state more. Instead, the cost savings given to these corporations to cut corners on environmental impacts, will end up costing all of our citizens instead through the degradation of our quality of life. And the communities that will be impacted the most are those that can least afford to protect themselves from the impacts of pollution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: torreyb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Torrey Bievenour
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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We need to be promoting and developing next generation clean energy, like the solar panels we installed on our house, not propping up old technologies with a negative environmental impact.

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Sincerely,
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From: hubner.paige@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paige Hubner
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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I HAVE READ THE ABOVE STATEMENT, AND AGREE TO IT'S MESSAGE. COAL-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATION PLANTS ARE OLD, ANTIQUATED, DIRTY SYSTEMS, And They Need to Use Cleaner Fuel - As Indiana develops USE of GREENER ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES. INDIANA was once a logically Forward Moving State, which Benefitted ALL CITIZENS. WHAT IS INDIANA'S PROBLEM THESE DAYS ? Running Government is NOT Running a Business - Government HAS MUCH MORE RESPONSIBILITY TO MANY MORE PEOPLE THAN BUSINESS DOES (something apparently not taught in today's MBA schools.... Sad !) - Darrell Norris

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From: torreyb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Torrey Bievenour
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 30, 2025 7:27:52 AM

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From: hubner.paige@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paige Hubner
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: wrenny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Eller
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 will be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana. Do you know how much we have paved over our wetlands already?? I'll give you a hint: Almost all of them. This is an unacceptable outcome.

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The inability of this state to support our natural resources is economically and environmentally diabolical. While other states protect the air and water for their residents and actually profit off the protection of them, Indiana sells them off to the highest polluting bidder. This executive order is must more continuation of ineptitude, cruelty, and greed at its worst.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: schwartzsamuel16@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sam Schwartz
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: ckimes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Car ok le Kimes
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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weakening or repealing environmental protections is the real burden on Hoosiers' health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: jltmunro@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JONATHAN LEE MUNRO
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Conceptually I see no reason why federal rules should serve as a ceiling rather than a floor to protections. In other areas, this is exactly how elected leaders discuss the relationship between State and Federal laws. Our laws regarding our wetlands should be formulated irrespective of federal laws because few States have as many wetlands as we do. Given that 25% of our State was wetlands at one time, we ought to protect what remains. This, as much as anything else, is our "heritage", and this history and now loss of wetlands makes a strong case that federal protections, to the extent that we model ourselves on them, should be a floor and not a ceiling.

Where is the data showing that developers are not accessing the State? From what I understand our limitations are on energy and electricity generation, in which case we need to expedite the cheapest electricity production available - utility solar.

Further, I take exception with the public framing of environmental protections as "overly burdensome". They are "overly burdensome" compared to what, exactly? Our State ranks 48th in the nation in terms of environmental protections. You can't drink the water or swim in the rivers. We burn more coal per capita than most any other state and our air quality is poor. About the only thing you cannot do it seems is put solar panels in the ground. For the people making money hand-over-fist by cutting this State to ribbons, perhaps the regulations are "overly burdensome". For everyone else they are truly protections.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: lynberkebile@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lyn Berkebile
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 10:58:34 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Lyn Berkebile, and I am a resident of Indianapolis.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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Sincerely,
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From: lynberkebile@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lyn Berkebile
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 10:53:07 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Lyn Berkebile, and I live in Indianapolis in a community located on the White River.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

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Please protect Hoosiers by protecting our wetlands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: Amelie Davis
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 10:14:03 PM

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Good evening,

My name is Amelie. I'm a young Hoosier who has been proud to live in Indiana all of her life. As someone who cares about the state, and it's future, it is of utmost importance to protect the state and it's future by repealing this executive order.

I was quite fortunate to attend a well-funded and exquisite public high school in Hendricks County. In my environmental science class, over 5 years ago now, I learned that Earth is the only planet with dirt.

This wasn't entirely new to me. I mean, if you think about it, it's the only planet that can sustain life, of course it's the only one with our most precious natural resource.

But when you center your thinking, remember what's precious in the universe, this executive order becomes egregious.

Claiming that the needs of business are above those of environmental protection and decency is quite bizarre when you remember that we live on the only planet in our solar system that can sustain life. Obviously, there is some balance to this argument. We, as Hoosiers, deserve to work for and fund businesses, have a flourishing economy, and be proud of ourselves. But at what cost? We cannot simply undermine decades of careful environmentally-conscious legislation and activism.

In Genesis 1, God tasks humanity to have dominion over the Earth. This doesn't mean to rule over it, trample it, and put our needs above those of our neighbors. But it seeks to uphold humanity, us made in the image of God, as protectors of the Earth.

I hope that my thoughts and opinions have led you to a new conclusion.

From: drapato@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Kauffman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 9:56:03 PM

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From: drapato@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Kauffman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 9:55:34 PM

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To place the economic burden to make SMRs work seems like a large giveaway to energy companies. As presented in recent legislation the burden of a failed SMR will fall on ratepayers. This is a detrimental decision for many Hoosiers who already leave paycheck to paycheck and who cannot afford to watch their monthly expenses go up because the energy company decided to take a risky move. Risk is inherent in business decisions, but the customer should not be held solely responsible for the failure of a failed product rollout. Please, don't give away Hoosiers hard earned money to power companies who do not want to have any skin in the game and risk their stockholders' profits.

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From: drapato@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Kauffman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Past improper disposal of hazardous wastes has led to a number of groundwater contamination plumes in the groundwater that residents of Goshen, Indiana, rely upon. In some areas of my community vapors from contaminants have entered homes and vapor removal systems have had to be installed. One specific location is near the old Johnson Controls facility on Monroe and S 15th and 16th Street where TCE is in the groundwater. The long-term exposure to the contamination is concerning enough the City of Goshen used special materials for the gaskets on the water main as conventional materials would breakdown through exposure to the TCE contamination.

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From: maddiebykowski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Madeline Bykowski
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: drapato@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Kauffman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Indiana does not ignore the impacts the process of producing a product has on a company's workers, especially if it impacts a worker's well-being and health. Therefore, Indiana should not ignore the impacts the process of producing products or producing energy has on the environment in which Hoosiers live, work, and play. The production of carbon has an impact on current and future Hoosiers and Indiana's leaders must do all in their power to prevent the long-term impacts of increasing CO2 levels.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: laraclaassen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lara Claassen
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Sincerely,
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From: laraaclaassen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lara Claassen
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From: davis Maggie512@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maggie Davis
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Hi! My name is Maggie Davis. I'm current studying environmental science and I've lived in Elkhart IN my whole life. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana. Wetlands are critical to ecosystems and it is critical we take steps to protect them. I understand that there are many things that we are actively trying to solve today and I urge you to keep the environment on your mind. Taking steps to protect the environment helps ALL organisms, including humans, on Earth. We need the environment and nature.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: davismaggie512@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maggie Davis
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Hi! Im Maggie Davis. I'm a university student studying environmental sciences currently. I've lived in Elkhart IN my whole life. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

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From: andrewmyers6901@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Myers
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 8:33:28 PM

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: ashes2u@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wanda Wilkey
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I am Wanda Wilkey and I live in Terre Haute, IN. I am shocked by our 50th in 50 states environmental health via U.S. News & World Reports. DON'T MAKE IT WORSE!! My bills keep going up, stop it!

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From: drapato@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Kauffman
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Both of my children suffer from asthma and when there is a lot of smoke from burning leaves or burning trash in the air their quality of life is impacted. They have to stay indoors and must limit outdoor activities. Additionally, my daughter has had health complications from Strep, which has led to issues with pneumonia and her lungs are now more susceptible to health impacts from smoke. I believe the health of my children is just as important, if not more important, than someone's ability to burn something on their property. There are other options available to deal with trash and leaves then burning. Maybe Indiana should put more resources towards making trash pickup more accessible and provide education on ways to deal with leaves like mulching, composting, community disposal.

Additionally, the increase in the quality of life my church community and the surrounding community has experienced since the Elkhart County Commissioners instituted a "leaf collection competition" is night and day. During the fall our community is no longer wreathed in smoke from burning leaves and neighbors have helped neighbors to rake up and dispose of leaves. This has led to a stronger and more connected community.

https://protect.checkpoint.com/v2/r01/_https://www.elkhartcountylandfill.com/leaf-collection-competition____YzJ1OnN0YXRlb2ZpbmRpYW5hOmM6bzoyNmY3MDA3MDAyNzRmOTA2NWwMxNzlmYTY5ODk4MDU2Nzo3OjkwMmU6NTczNWFlkMzZkZTI0MTAwM2MxZWwRkZDU3OTgzNjY4ZjkyZjk1MjY3OWM2YTg5Yzk2MmY1NmY5NTY4MwVjZTc0NzpwOIQ6TG

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From: drapato@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Kauffman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 5:30:22 PM

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I serve as the Stormwater Coordinator for my local community, the City of Goshen, and in my role, I am tasked with implementing the City's municipal separate storm sewer system general permit (MS4 GP). This includes managing illicit discharges from properties to the municipal storm sewer system and local waterways. I have watched while sediment and metal has runoff of a local metal recycling company's property into a storm drain and out to Rock Run Creek. I have discovered and helped clean up thousands of plastic pellets (nurdles) from Rock Run Creek that came from a local plastics company. I have discovered and helped clean up piles and piles of Styrofoam from Horn Ditch that came from local RV companies. All of these incidents have happened because these companies either have not needed to be permitted or have not implemented their stormwater permits correctly. In turn this has required the City of Goshen to expend resources to work with these companies to address these illicit discharges or to clean up the resulting trash because the responsible company cannot be identified.

Proper permitting is very important to my community and my family to protect the quality of water flowing through our waterways. Indiana is responsible for protecting the community from negative impacts that come with industrial production. I do not agree with protecting a company over that of the citizens that live and work in a community. Industrial stormwater pollution has both short- and long-term impacts to the community they are located in and downstream. For example, plastic nurdles have been found littering the beaches of Lake Michigan and other Great Lakes. In fact, my family and I went to the beach at South Haven, MI, a few years ago and within 15 minutes of choosing a spot to enjoy the sand and water a plastic nurdle washed up at my feet. Why should residents have to deal with the long-lasting impacts caused by a lack of proper management of materials at industrial sites just so a company can report higher quarterly profits?

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Indiana has recently been ranked 50th in environmental protection. This just another example of the current administration's failure to place the health of the population over corporate income.

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I was an attorney at IDEM for 10 years (1990-2000). I was an environmental law judge 2005 through 2021 so I'm familiar with the regulations for stormwater.

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From: drapato@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jason Kauffman
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 5:12:53 PM

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I live in the City of Goshen, which is part of the Elkhart River Watershed, of which, 600 square miles of land drain to a single point at Roger's Park (102 Chicago Avenue). During large rain events, stormwater flows off of the land, into the river, and downstream. The quicker this water reaches Goshen the higher the water level in the river rises causing flooding. The continued loss of wetlands upstream of the city where my family and I live has caused more water to reach the many waterways that make up the Elkhart River Watershed quicker, which also increases erosion. This has a detrimental impact on the quality of life in my community and those further downstream. More resources have to be spent to deal with repeated flooding issues when protecting wetlands would reduce flooding and save resources.

Additionally, by sending stormwater downstream instead of allowing it to soak into the groundwater via wetlands, communities who rely upon groundwater for drinking water are adversely impacted. This situation is exacerbated when communities, like Goshen, deal with groundwater contamination and have to spend more resources to drill deeper wells to find clean groundwater.

Wetlands are key components of our natural landscape and key components of our overall community. To allow individuals to choose to fill in and remove wetlands may benefit an individual property owner but it can lead to harm for the overall community. Indiana has a responsibility to take care of the overall community and to protect those places that provide community benefits, of which, wetlands are a key component as stated at the beginning of my message.

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I worked for IDEM for 10 years as an attorney specializing in Superfund, State Cleanup and RCRA. I was an environmental law judge 2005 through 2021. I am very familiar with the regulations regarding hazardous waste and the consequences of failing to adequately regulate such substances.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I worked for IDEM as an attorney 1990 through 2000. I also worked for an environmental consultant for 4 years before returning to work as an environmental law judge for 17 years. I am very familiar with the regulations regarding wetlands.

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From: allenkayla26@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kayla Allen
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Due to higher temperatures being sustained for longer periods, our family has had to shell out more and more of our income to maintain safe temperatures indoors, which means an increasing dependency on air conditioning and other costly measures. This directly impedes our progress in saving for retirement and paying off our mortgage. Money that we could reinvest in our community is instead sent to utilities, which keep passing on costs to consumers for their own business expenses. We need a comprehensive, progress-based climate plan.

Sincerely,
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From: helena.witzke@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Helena Witzke
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

If we want a strong state with strong communities, we need to invest in a future that ensures the highest quality of life for all, and that means holding ourselves to the highest standards we can.

Sincerely,
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From: Carlos Rivera
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Dear Indiana Department of Environmental Management,

My name is Carlos, and I am a resident of Indiana, Marion county. I am deeply concerned about the implications of Executive Order 25-38 recently issued by Governor Braun. I am writing to strongly oppose this order, which directs the rollback of any state environmental regulation that exceeds federal standards.

Federal regulations are intended to be a baseline—not a ceiling. Indiana’s unique environmental challenges, from industrial pollution to agricultural runoff, require state-specific rules that can respond to our realities more effectively than federal guidelines alone.

Rolling back these protections will not only harm our air and water quality but will also shift long-term health and cleanup costs onto the public. Weakening regulations under the premise of short-term economic gain.

As a Hoosier, I expect our state to lead in safeguarding the health, environment, and economic future of its residents. Please reconsider this directive and preserve Indiana’s ability to enact and maintain stronger environmental protections than the federal minimum to ensure our community will always have access to clean water and not pollute our resources.

Sincerely,
Carlos Rivera
Indianapolis, Indiana
Marion County

From: Doug Manley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Do not roll back environmental protections in Indiana
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 11:46:45 AM
Importance: High

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To: The Indiana Department of Environmental Management

From: Douglas M. Manley
Speedway, IN

Re: Protecting clean air, clean water, wildlife, and the natural beauty of Indiana

I urge you on behalf of concerned Hoosiers everywhere:
Please do not yield to business lobbyists and political pressure to relax environmental protections in Indiana.

If you are concerned about the speed of permit approvals, then analyze, streamline, and improve the approval process.

Do NOT sacrifice the safety of our rapidly disappearing natural resources for quick dollars or to score political points.

If anything, we need to be more stringent and discerning in our examinations of the ecological dangers posed by today's time and cost-cutting construction methods. The ecology is a complex and beautiful web of interactions, one that can collapse from careless, short-sighted clearing methods and digging that has not been carefully studied for its long-term effects on Indiana's natural lands and indigenous species.

Rather than wiping out more green space to pour more concrete, why doesn't the state concentrate its resources and efforts on filling the half-empty office parks that ring Indianapolis like a dystopian blight? Hundreds of buildings litter the Indiana landscape as a sad monument to our short-sightedness.

Take the long view...the wise view.

Lean into the things that make Indiana a better place to live than Illinois or Ohio.

Your children and their families will remember you fondly for it...because they'll be healthy and alive to reap the benefits.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Manley

Extremely concerned life-long Hoosier

From: Erik Allen
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
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Why This Matters:

- **Clean Air & Water:** Federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.
- **State Flexibility:** This order ties our own state experts' hands, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governors office who have showed no commitment to environmental protections.

Let's Talk About the Flawed Economic Argument

The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic benefits of a healthy environment.

- **It Ignores Healthcare Costs:** Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.
- **It Hurts Tourism and Recreation:** Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.

It's Not a Cost Savings, It's a Cost Shift

This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive-they are deeply connected.

From: Matt Benson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Please Rescind Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 7:46:04 AM

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Dear IDEM Officials,

Indiana should prioritize the protection of Hoosiers' health, safety, and economic competitiveness, and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal minimum standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

From: Kitty
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: EO-25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 7:37:51 AM

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Do not roll back environmental protections.

Indiana only has one good thing going for it: its natural beauty. If you screw with that, it's just a racist bunch of rural towns ruled by fascist politicians. Nobody will ever move here again and anyone here already will be planning how to get the hell out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, as your overlord likes to say.

From: Charles Nwakanma
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 7:30:54 AM

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I'm an Indiana Resident and I'm firmly opposed to this Executive Order.

Though Governor Mike Braun may say that changing environmental laws that are above the federal limit will boost the economy, this order will both hurt the Indiana economy and, most importantly, Indiana residents.

Pollution causes health issues in residents, like asthma, and other respiratory and developmental illnesses. This in turn leads to higher health insurance premiums and higher health insurance costs for families.

Additionally, these laws help protect our state's parks which provide revenue through tourism.

If Indiana is a state which serves its people, it will consider federal environmental laws as the floor -- not the ceiling -- when evaluating our state's environmental policies.

From: marcarmz.reed
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public water
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 5:26:06 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen and resident of Indiana to strongly urge decision-makers and regulatory bodies to increase protections and oversight of our public water supply—not reduce them.

Water is a fundamental human need and right. It is essential not only for the health and well-being of our families but also for the strength of our communities, economy, and environment. Weakening water regulations puts all of this at risk.

Across the country, we have seen the consequences of lax oversight: contamination, illness, ecosystem degradation, and the erosion of public trust. Indiana cannot afford to follow that path. Instead, we should be leading with policies that prioritize clean, safe, and accessible drinking water for all Hoosiers—now and for future generations.

I urge our state legislators and regulatory agencies to strengthen water quality standards, enforce stricter monitoring of pollutants, and invest in aging infrastructure to prevent contamination. We need transparency, accountability, and public involvement in decisions that affect our most vital resource.

Please stand on the side of health, science, and the long-term public interest by supporting stronger—not weaker—regulations for Indiana’s public water supply.

Sincerely,

Michael Reed

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: karrington thompson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025 3:09:53 AM

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I am a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Please show some passion for your constituents,

Kyle, a concerned Hoosier

From: Victoria H
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposition to Executive Order 25-38 – Protect Indiana's Right to Stronger Environmental Safeguards
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 11:13:19 PM

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Dear Governor Mike Braun,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38, which prohibits Indiana agencies from adopting environmental protections that are more stringent than federal standards. This order is deeply concerning and represents a serious threat to Indiana's environment, public health, and the ability of our communities to respond to unique local challenges.

Federal environmental standards are intended as a baseline—not a ceiling. States like Indiana must retain the flexibility to go beyond these minimums when necessary to protect our air, water, land, and public health. Our ecosystems, industries, and communities face unique challenges that require local solutions. Handcuffing our state agencies by limiting their ability to enact stronger environmental protections undermines that responsibility and puts Hoosiers at risk.

This order also contradicts basic principles of state and local governance. It preempts the expertise of Indiana's own environmental scientists and regulators, and weakens Indiana's ability to lead on conservation, climate adaptation, and pollution control.

I urge you to stand against Executive Order 25-38 and advocate for its reversal. Our future and our children's futures depend on strong, science-based environmental protections that reflect the specific needs of Indiana—not just the minimums allowed at the federal level.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting the health and natural resources of our beautiful state.

Sincerely,
Victoria Hansel
Allen County
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From: Kathy Woods
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Please Rescind Executive Order 25-38
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 9:26:43 PM

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The people in Indiana should be good stewards of our air, land & water and Executive Order 25-38 does the exact opposite. The state's unique water resources are already under significant pressure, and limiting their protection to federal MINIMUM standards will exacerbate the risks they face. I ask that you rescind the order and seek to better understand and protect the resources we all depend on.

Kathleen Woods

From: alexis.n.robertson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexis Robertson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 9:09:33 PM

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Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: alexis.n.robertson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexis Robertson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: alexis.n.robertson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexis Robertson
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: alexis.n.robertson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexis Robertson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: alexis.n.robertson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexis Robertson
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: alexis.n.robertson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alexis Robertson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 9:04:40 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. Once our wetlands are gone, they aren't coming back. We owe it to the next generation to protect our environment. Studies have shown that we need nature to live healthily, which should also be of concern to this administration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alexis Robertson
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From: Bella Foster
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental Protections - comment section
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To the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM):

As Hoosiers, we share a deep pride in our state's natural beauty, rich history, thriving communities, and entrepreneurial spirit. That pride should compel us to strengthen—not weaken—our environmental protections. While Executive Order 25-38 calls for identifying environmental regulations that are “overly burdensome,” it is critical to recognize that strong environmental safeguards are not obstacles to prosperity—they are its foundation.

We respectfully urge IDEM and the Governor's Office to consider the full picture of what environmental regulations truly represent: an investment in public health, economic stability, community resilience, and long-term growth.

1. Environmental Protections Are an Economic Necessity, Not a Luxury

The premise that environmental regulations significantly raise the cost of living or hamper economic growth misunderstands how essential these protections are to maintaining Indiana's livability and economic competitiveness. Clean air, safe drinking water, uncontaminated soil, and protected natural areas are prerequisites for any sustainable economy. Without them, businesses will face a greater regulatory burden in the future when cleanup becomes unavoidable—often at far higher costs.

For example, if a company cuts corners today and contaminates groundwater, it may take decades and millions of taxpayer dollars to remediate the damage. Meanwhile, that pollution diminishes property values, endangers human health, disrupts ecosystems, and drives away tourism and future investment. The short-term cost savings for businesses now pale in comparison to the long-term consequences of environmental degradation.

We must also remember that companies want to locate in places with clean water, clean air, and a regulatory environment that ensures long-term stability. Weakening our standards may attract low-value industries with few community benefits, but it will deter high-value investment from companies that prioritize environmental compliance and corporate responsibility.

2. Stronger Environmental Agencies Improve, Not Impede, Permitting Efficiency

One common complaint is that environmental permitting is too slow. But the answer is not to reduce regulations—the answer is to increase staffing and technological resources within IDEM.

If Indiana hired more qualified environmental professionals and equipped them with modern permitting software, the speed and quality of permit reviews would increase dramatically. This would allow the state to simultaneously enforce high standards and improve service to businesses and residents. Everyone wins.

It's also important to recognize that businesses themselves play a critical role in permitting efficiency. Applications are frequently delayed not because of excessive red tape, but because of:

- * Incomplete or inaccurate submissions;
- * Delayed responses to follow-up inquiries;
- * A lack of clear and open communication with permitting staff.

We encourage IDEM to implement clearer guidance for applicants, maintain open lines of communication, and set expectations for documentation and compliance. Likewise, businesses must do their part by ensuring they provide all necessary data, communicate proactively, and treat IDEM staff as partners in community stewardship—not adversaries.

3. Environmental Protections Safeguard Everyone—including Businesses

Environmental safeguards are not a barrier to business—they’re a shield protecting communities, companies, tourists, ecosystems, and future generations alike.

Take tourism, for example. Indiana’s parks, rivers, lakes, and natural heritage are major economic drivers. The Indiana Dunes National Park alone draws over 3 million visitors each year, generating hundreds of millions in local spending. Weakening environmental rules in the name of convenience puts these assets at risk. Likewise, agriculture, fishing, and manufacturing all depend on clean water and healthy soil—exactly the things environmental regulations protect.

And we must not forget that environmental harm disproportionately affects low-income and vulnerable communities. Weakening rules may save money for a few companies today, but it externalizes the cost to those least able to bear it—families living near industrial sites, children with asthma, or seniors in rural towns with failing water systems. That’s not progress. That’s environmental injustice.

4. Permitting Oversight Prevents Disasters Down the Line

When a construction site, landfill, or industrial project is rushed through permitting or inadequately monitored, the risks are immense. Leaking storage tanks, erosion, hazardous waste releases, or habitat destruction can require decades of cleanup or, in some cases, create irreversible damage.

A well-run permitting process ensures that projects are sited correctly, designed with sustainability in mind, and executed in accordance with science-based safety standards. Yes, that takes time—but that time is far better spent on upfront diligence than on downstream catastrophe. A two-month delay is nothing compared to 20 years of litigation, fines, community outrage, and remediation expenses.

The idea that environmental protections are too “burdensome” ignores this critical truth: They prevent far worse burdens later.

5. Communities and Companies Must Be Held to Shared Standards

Businesses are not separate from the communities they operate in. They rely on local workers, utilities, transportation networks, and civic institutions. As such, they should be held to the same standards of accountability and transparency that we expect from everyone else. Money and influence should never be able to buy an exemption from basic environmental responsibility.

Agencies like IDEM must remain independent, science-driven, and shielded from political or financial pressure. The public must trust that decisions are made in the best interest of all Hoosiers—not just the wealthiest or most powerful. When companies see themselves as partners in community well-being—and not just profit-driven entities—we create a culture of shared responsibility that leads to better outcomes for all.

6. Patience Today Prevents Crisis Tomorrow

It's understandable that companies want to move quickly. But the drive for instant action must be balanced with the need for long-term vision. Some decisions—especially those with environmental consequences—cannot be rushed. If we want a state where our children can safely swim in lakes, where our drinking water is secure, and where our economy is rooted in sustainability, then we must be willing to wait a little longer today to protect tomorrow.

Permitting, inspections, and enforcement are not inconveniences. They are acts of care. They represent Indiana taking itself seriously as a place worth protecting.

Final Thought: Let's Not Trade Tomorrow for Today

Indiana stands at a crossroads. EO 25-38 suggests we look at environmental protections through the narrow lens of immediate cost and business burden. But the true cost of weak regulations is far greater—and far more permanent. It is a cost paid by families, ecosystems, future taxpayers, and our state's long-term competitiveness.

Instead of weakening our environmental protections, let's modernize, staff up, and streamline them. Let's invest in digital tools, hire more scientists and inspectors, and work collaboratively with businesses to raise the bar. Let's remind ourselves that the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we live on are not negotiable.

A strong Indiana is a sustainable Indiana. We urge IDEM to preserve and expand our environmental safeguards, not roll them back.

Respectfully submitted,

A concerned and committed Hoosier

From: krerowiczseveryactioncustom.com on behalf of Sam Krerowicz
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Dr. Sam Krerowicz, a resident of Richmond Indiana, and I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

As an avid birder, I am particularly concerned with how this executive order could impact the habitat of all of the stunning birds that call Indiana home. Birds are already facing tremendous stressors that are contributing to their massive population decline. Adding another hardship in the form of decreased protections for wetlands is the last thing birds need right now. Not only will doing so harm birds and in doing so decrease my quality of life, but it will also decrease the economic output of the state. There is a locally-owned bed and breakfast located just down the road from me called the Seldom Scene Meadow Bed and Breakfast that advertises itself as a place to see birds and other wildlife. Ecotourism is an important part of the local economy in many areas of Indiana and protecting wetlands is an important part of that.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community well-being.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sam Krerowicz
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From: Cynthia Baker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental Regulations
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I am saddened by the consistent dismantling of our state's already relatively weak environmental protections. The assaults on our wetlands, watersheds, drinking water regulations, air quality, and lead protections have been unrelenting for decades. Please stop. Please improve and strengthen the environmental protections enforced by the state to protect the health and wellbeing of Hoosiers, our environment, and our economic competitiveness.

Spending taxpayer dollars to prevent further environmental harm to our water, land, and air is well worth the cost. Please don't forget: even stockholders and business owners drink water and breathe air.

Thank you.

Cynthia A. Baker

From: janetknp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janet Kennedy
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:36:29 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

I am a nurse practitioner and live in Orange County. I moved here from St Louis for the natural beauty. It's still beautiful but climate catastrophes are frequent. We have frequent damaging winds, floods and of course, heat waves that keep us indoors most of the day. Every agency in Indiana ought to have a plan to how to deal with all these climate change-related problems and how to keep it from getting worse fast. We are probably doomed in the grand scheme but for now, the least we can do for our communities and the next generation is try to reduce the risks of climate change. Please do not lead us in the opposite, truly ignorant, direction.

Sincerely,
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From: Kimberly Hunt
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Indiana Needs European-Level Environmental Protections
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:35:07 PM

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Dear Governor Braun,

I stringently oppose lessening environmental regulations and leaving room for companies to pollute Indiana. Right now there are budget measures in congress proposing to slash medicaid and medicare; this would result in the closing of 12 rural hospitals in Indiana.

It's absolutely cruel in such a low-wage, agriculture-based state to increase (rural) workers' (and urban workers, for that matter) exposure to air contaminants,

pesticides, and other dangerous chemicals that leach into the soil while lessening the availability of not just quality health care but ANY health care.

Instead of lessening environmental protections or making the government minimum our minimum, we need to upgrade the filters on the Indianapolis solid waste incinerator so our air is cleaner and we need to regulate pesticides and provide incentives for organic farming so Hoosiers can consume less but more nutritious foods. Hoosiers, as human beings, deserve cleaner air, fresh, clean water, and foods that don't cause cancer.

Governmental regulations

are like a floor, a suggested minimum (I challenge you to function on

fewer than 50 grams of protein a day-- using (lobbied-for as opposed to scientifically based regulations) as an illustration, it just goes to show you that government standards can represent the bare minimum.

Please institute more stringent environmental protections in this interest rather than leaving us with the government minimum.

From: janetknp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janet Kennedy
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:31:49 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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I am a nurse practitioner and live in Orange County. It's past time to pivot away from coal and toward solar and wind energy in Indiana. We need to make this change now for our personal health, community health, energy worker health and the health of the planet. To do anything besides make this shift asap is negligent. The next generation deserves better than what coal offers. Please stop being so short-sighted.

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From: Colene King
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:25:41 PM

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I am writing as a concerned Indiana resident to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38, which restricts our state's ability to set environmental standards stronger than those required by the federal government. This is a dangerous overreach that undermines both public health and Indiana's long-term economic wellbeing.

Indiana's Environmental Needs Require State-Specific Solutions

Federal environmental rules are a minimum—not a maximum. Indiana faces unique challenges from industrial pollution, coal ash, factory farms, and legacy contamination that often demand more protective, localized action. Preventing our own state experts from setting stronger air and water protections ignores our reality and jeopardizes the health of Hoosier families.

This Executive Order Handcuffs Local Experts

It is unacceptable that state agencies like IDEM are now forced to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act while Indiana communities suffer. Indiana's environmental protection decisions should be made by people who understand Indiana—not Washington lobbyists or politically motivated mandates.

The Economic Argument Is Deeply Flawed

This order's rationale of "cutting burdensome regulations" to grow the economy is dangerously shortsighted:

- * It ignores the healthcare costs of pollution—increased asthma, cancer, and developmental issues are not just tragic, they are expensive. Clean air and water reduce healthcare costs for families and improve workforce productivity.
- * It undermines Indiana's tourism and recreation economy. Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, and our state forests puts outdoor jobs and recreation-based revenues at risk.
- * It doesn't eliminate costs—it shifts them. The true cost of pollution doesn't vanish. It simply moves from polluters onto taxpayers, who will bear the burden through medical bills, lost property value, and decades of environmental cleanup.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not at odds—they depend on one another. Leadership means protecting both.

I urge you to rescind Executive Order 25-38. Let Indiana's environmental experts do their jobs. Let us set standards that meet Indiana's specific needs. And let us show that protecting our people and our environment is not "burdensome"—it's essential.

Sincerely,

Colene King

Lafayette, IN

From: Kimberly Hunt
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Indiana Needs More Stringent Environmental Protections
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:24:54 PM

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Dear Governor Braun,

I stringently oppose lessening environmental regulations and leaving room for companies to pollute Indiana. Governmental regulations are like a floor,

a suggested minimum, and this is a time when we need to be looking to

states such as Connecticut (closed their last coal-fueled power plant in 2021) or Hawaii (closed its last coal-fueled power plant in 2022) as examples.

Did you know, in the 1970s, the wild animal behind our national symbol, the Bald Eagle, was listed as endangered? Through careful science-based advancement of clean air and clean water regulations, Bald Eagle habitats became safer and cleaner and eagles' status was lifted to "protected." Years of environmental stewardship later, we now have an estimated bald eagle population of 312,000 in the USA. Eagles are only one of the species (not to mention human beings) worth protecting.

Because wildlife and humanity are irreplaceable and worth protecting, and because Indiana is home to both (have you visited or driven near

Eagle Creek Park recently? It has its name for a reason; we are so fortunate to have some of these birds nesting near us) Anyhow, because Indiana is home to both significant wildlife and human beings, I think you need to show leadership and public service by doing your part to protect us all and making sure Indiana applies European-level stringencies

to its environmental protections.

From: the_erbeles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Erbele
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:24:16 PM

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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. .protect the earth like your life depends on it.

Sincerely,
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From: the_erbeles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Erbele
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. Protect nature like your life depends on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: gindelek1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Gindele
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:01:20 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a longtime resident of South Bend, I am writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. Over many years I have seen the rise in temperatures year-round. Winters are warmer and icier, but summers have become unbearably hot. The recent heat wave, which is already twice as long as forecast, should offer yet one more warning to everyone that global warming is dangerous and plans must be made to lower temperatures--in Indiana, and indeed world-wide. For health reasons as well as comfort, I have had to rely on AC longer especially overnight, and I do not keep my house cold. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning. Both of the other bills, concerning nuclear modular unit development and the renewed use of coal are suicidal. The destruction of a whole community to give power to AI developers is a terrible use of Indiana resources and a hazard to Hoosiers' wellbeing which will drive climate change even more drastically.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance. My own homeowners insurance has risen by \$600, no doubt because of fires and floods. The way that power companies are able to pretend to develop nuclear power and make citizens foot the bill is unconscionable.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. I am harmed by climate change. We are all harmed by it.

Sincerely,
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From: dennis kinder
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental regulations.
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 1:37:43 PM

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IDEM,

As a voting Hoosier I am concerned that we NOT weaken any environmental regulations as they are there for the purpose of guarding our health, safety and that of our children. What I hear is complaints from industry on speed of permit approval. That is Not a reason to dispense or weaken the regulation but rather look at speeding up the permitting process. i suspect a big part of that lies in understaffing which in this current environment is rampant. Please regard your job as essential as our country has too many examples of the harm that can be caused by a poorly regulated and unsupervised industry.

Sincerely,
Dennis Ray Kinder, Ph.D.

From: Samuel
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Stop killing People and Frogs
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 1:06:52 PM

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Enforce regulations and save our air and water, don't cut regulations

From: jessy.baum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessy Baum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 1:03:25 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

As a resident of the near Westside, we are facing above-average levels of pollution already and often the air is thick with the smell of burning trash from nearby residents. It is extremely toxic and my asthma has worsened.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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Sincerely,
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From: jessy.baum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessy Baum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: jessy.baum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessy Baum
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 1:00:21 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: jessy.baum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessy Baum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 1:00:03 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Nicholas Eaton
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 10:29:45 AM

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Governor Mike Braun's Executive Order 25-38, which seeks to reduce environmental regulations across the state of Indiana. At a time when Indiana ranks 50th in the nation for its natural environment, 48th for overall pollution, and one of the worst states in terms of water pollution, it is both illogical and irresponsible to further weaken protections meant to preserve our ecosystems, safeguard public health, and ensure sustainable growth. These rankings are not just numbers; they reflect the real and urgent environmental challenges facing our communities, challenges that require stronger oversight, not less.

Reducing environmental regulations when Indiana is already at the bottom in these categories does a disservice to every citizen. It places our health, our natural heritage, and our economic future at risk. Clean air, safe drinking water, and protected green spaces are not partisan issues; they are essential to the well-being of all Hoosiers.

Instead of scaling back, I urge IDEM and all state leaders to strengthen environmental standards, invest in enforcement and remediation efforts, and prioritize sustainable policies that improve our environmental standing and quality of life.

Thank you for your time. I hope IDEM will push for policies that truly serve the people of Indiana and reject actions that would only deepen our environmental crises.

Sincerely,

Nick Eaton

From: serswjm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zan Morris
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 10:20:45 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Frankly I find it absurd that I even need to message you to highlight how necessary environmental protections are, and that gutting current progress towards climate solutions, integrating our daily lives better with the natural environment is extremely shortsighted and foolish - Ignoring the scientific fact of man made climate change is not only a detriment to all of our health, but also is a retrogressive, past-looking way of thinking. The future is in green energy, and Indiana can easily be primed to take the lead here. We could become a strong leader in this sector, and not only reap the benefits economically, but in our communities as well.

Hampering protections and possible futures here is a losing battle for all of us.

Sincerely,
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From: ssmith@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 9:55:47 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Sarah Smith, and I am an environmental educator in Lake County. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

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From: ssmith@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 9:54:50 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Sarah Smith, and I am an environmental educator in Lake County. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: ssmith@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 9:52:03 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Sarah Smith, and I am an environmental educator in Porter County, Indiana. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

I grew up in Michigan close to a sugar beet factory and Dow Chemical. It's not an exaggeration to say everyone I grew up with was diagnosed with a chronic illness very early in life. Among the more serious - my sister in law has MS, a friend of mine just died from a heart attack at 35, several of my childhood friends in their 30s have or had cancer. Disposing of hazardous waste improperly literally kills. Environmental protections are not a burden - they are lifesavers.

Sincerely,
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From: hillaryabes@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of HILLARY ABRAHAM
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Wetlands also offer an opportunity for our kids to engage with their natural environments, play outside, and learn. Growing up, we had a small protected wetland adjacent to our backyard. I loved going out there and watching all the frogs, snakes, and other animals. Our kids are already being forced inside by overwhelmingly hot and extreme weather, and encouraged to stay inside by screens and social media. Further eradication of environmental protections, including wetland protections, will directly negatively affect our future generation.

Environmental protections protect us, both immediately and in the long term. They are not a burden - in fact, the lack of environmental protections places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: vrubiomisch@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vicki Rubio
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Vicki Rubio and I'm an Indianapolis resident. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Air pollution along with extreme heat events have made it difficult to safely be outside. My husband and I both have health issues that make us sensitive to poor air quality, and coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution. Their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

With many energy options that don't add to air or water pollution, it's unclear to me why we'd continue to operate coal plants. The health costs are significant, and with the state cutting back on funding for health programs the need to use cleaner alternatives seems clear.

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From: vrubiomisch@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Vicki Rubio
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

My husband had a stroke a few years ago so the risk of heat stroke is very high. Extreme heat events mean we have to spend more on air conditioning. It also means we can't spend money on recreation at state parks, outdoor concerts, or other outdoor economic activities. Maybe that seems like a small thing, but for us, that impacts our quality of life and well being.

I also worry about Indiana facing insurance challenges that other parts of the country are facing. We have a mortgage and are required to have insurance. What happens if companies decide our area is uninsurable because of flooding and extreme heat?

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

This is my public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

The lake I live on and the water I drink is affected by all the rain that falls on and runs through my watershed. Your home, your drinking water, your workplace, your recreational opportunities are similarly dependent on water quality. As a lakeside resident, the surge of muddy water entering and mixing with our otherwise clean lake makes it absolutely obvious that stormwater has immediate impacts on all of our surface water. Wetlands filter stormwater. Wetlands recharge the groundwater that is my drinking water. Don't make my life harder by ignoring potential or real damage to wetlands.

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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

This is my public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. We must prepare for the future instead of pretending the climate and weather will never change. We must recognize the consequences of our actions.

I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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From: annntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Deutch
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 8:16:22 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

This is a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. They are too expensive and too risky! There is too much potential for bad impacts to our environment. These are easily foreseeable burdens on us who love here and love our Indiana homes.

Here's the polite version that I agree with:

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: Damian Lothamer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: IDEM seeks public input on eliminating "overly burdensome" environmental regulations
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 7:48:20 AM

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To whom it may concern,

As a concerned Hoosier I do not support lessening environmental regulations in our state of Indiana. We've come a long way from the smog in the 70's and we can continue to improve. Why would anyone want to go back. Indiana has cancelled the requirement for oil and gas producers to report methane emissions. Only 2 of our 92 counties are required to undergo emissions tests on vehicles. Yet vehicle emissions are responsible for some 60 to 70 percent of nitrogen dioxide in some counties. Indiana ranks number 50 in pollution yet our elected officials won't impose any regulations exceeding the federal requirement. Honeybee populations are projected to decline by 70% this year. Without pollinators we have no food. These regulations are in place for a reason, they should not be less restricted so big corporations can earn a bigger buck at the expense of the people. We not only as hoosiers but Americans can and should do better for our children and the well-being of this planet we inhabit.

Thank you for your time and consideration

From: Darin Willis
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposition to executive order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 9:44:14 PM

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Weakening environmental regulations will not be an improvement for the state of Indiana and will only act to lower the quality of life for Hoosiers. It seems that we have forgotten that businesses will not act in the interests of the people but will instead act in the best interests of the shareholders. While Environmental regulations may be a small price for companies to pay it helps ensure that our state has clean water and air for all residents and visitors to enjoy. By strengthening our commitment to the environment we can make Indiana a more appealing destination for tourism and residents. By investing in clean and green spaces we can attract younger generations that value these spaces when they consider a new place to live. Lastly it is often cited that states should make the choices for their citizens and not the federal government. In this instance why are we submitting to the federal governments lax rules when Hoosiers have already shown that we want our environment cared for at a level beyond the minimums set by the federal government.

Sincerely,
Darin Willis

From: suited-scarp4u@icloud.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:51:14 PM

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Hi there,

I am a resident of Evansville, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic benefits of a healthy environment.

Here are the flaws in that argument:

- * It Ignores Healthcare Costs: Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.
- * It Hurts Tourism and Recreation: Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.
- * It's Not a Cost Savings, It's a CostShift**:** This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come.

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive—they are deeply connected.

Thank you for reading,

Kristen Evans

From: Utah Davis-Kinsey
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:42:44 PM

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I am a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

I have lived in Indiana my entire life and have taken great advantage of its natural resources, including visiting its lakes, rivers, and forests. I grew up camping and hiking with my dad's family, some of my most cherished memories. When I meet people from out of state, I tell them that the best thing about Indiana is its state park system. I tell them about Brown County's rolling hills, about the majestic canyons of Turkey Run, and the excitement of the Dunes. Protecting the environment is a win for the citizens of this state as well as for business. We must tailor regulations to meet our own needs here in Indiana, which considers all the major industries. We need to prioritize more tree coverage, regulating air pollution, and considering renewable alternatives to energy so that we can maintain Indiana's natural beauty and prioritize the health of future generations to come. There's no doubt in my mind that it is our moral and ethical imperative to preserve our local environment. Doing so would actually support a robust economy and create countless jobs, not retract from it. Less environmental regulation means more healthcare costs due to increased rates of chronic health conditions, pollution of our sacred natural resources. In the long run, this would increase costs for constituents of Indiana.

If the goal of the current administration here is to Make America Healthy Again, then why would we not invest in creating a healthy, bright environmental future for Indiana residents?

Please prioritize current and future residents of the state of Indiana and please recommend that this EO be rescinded.

Kind regards,
Utah Davis-Kinsey

From: joseph.wilfing@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Wilfing
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Sincerely,
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From: Sydnee Allen
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Apposing E.O. 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:55:26 PM

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I am a resident of Avon, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sydnee Allen

From: jeniljenkins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeni Jenkins
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:54:11 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: jeniljenkins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeni Jenkins
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:53:06 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: jeniljenkins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeni Jenkins
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 5:50:21 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to submit a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. I'm extremely concerned that it will harm Indiana's wetlands even more than they already have been in the name of "progress."

I live across the road from a ephemeral wetland that has taught me first hand how crucial wetlands are for wildlife, for flood control, water quality, and for pure enjoyment and quality of life. This wetland is surrounded by agricultural land that has been traditionally farmed with row crops, tilled, and sprayed with herbicides and pesticides for decades. I've seen first hand how this small but mighty wetland has amazingly kept the water in the nearby creek clear by filtering out sediment and pollutants before the water reaches the creek. Our drinking water comes from a well, and testing has proven the water to remain safe and drinkable despite the nearby potential for pollution being surrounded by acres of farmland. And despite living so close to a creek, in 30 years of living here, flooding has never reached nor damaged our home even when we experience torrential raining. The wetland across the road has gone from dry to full of water during these periods and saved the area from severe flooding. Sadly, the legal protections that this little life saver once had werestripped away by Indiana legislators, and since a developer purchased the land, it will very likely be filled and destroyed. And who will have to pay for that with flooding, more polluted water and less wildlife? Me. Not the developer.

To think that regulations that are meant to protect citizens like me are considered "burdensome" is outrageous and offensive.

Hoosiers desperately need MORE environmental protections, not LESS.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Claire Lane
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: I do NOT support eliminating environmental regulations
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 3:40:12 PM

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Now is not the time to roll back environmental protections for the sake of efficiency for big businesses. Deregulation sells Hoosiers natural resources we all depend on down the river for the sake of corporate profit.

I do NOT support eliminating environmental regulations. IDEM and Governor Braun should care more about Hoosiers citizens and taxpayers than he does about providing a "stable, predictable, and fair environment" for campaign donors and business owners. Local and state regulators know the specifics of Indiana natural resources and what needs done to protect them more than someone at the federal level. We must be able to protect our precious resources at our own pace and determination-- beyond federal levels if necessary.

Protecting Hoosier natural resources is the most necessary of burdens!

Claire Lane

From: wileygrace99@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grace Wiley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 2:57:27 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

I am in favor of nuclear energy as an alternative to coal, gas, and oil. But I worry about its risks if stringent regulations are not passed protecting myself and my neighbors from taking on costs that should be borne by developers. I do not believe in corporate welfare. Business should pay their fair share instead of being subsidized by hardworking individuals. It is also important that international best practices are followed to protect the environment from the risks of nuclear development.

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From: wileygrace99@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grace Wiley
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I live here in part because Indiana faces lower risks from climate change compared to coasts. If we do not consider carbon emissions in our policy making, that will not continue to be the case. I will not live in a state that puts me and my family in danger, or that prioritizes businesses over individuals.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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From: shaun.jones812@protonmail.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental Standards
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 1:26:23 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to you to share my thoughts on the matter of the environment and the regulations.

Federal standards are the floor, not the ceiling and pulling back environmental protections is not good for anyone especially the environment. The state, and others as well, are nothing like their were in the 70s and 80s because we cleaned it via regulations and standards for the sake of everyone.

What you are doing with this EO is protecting the polluters while shifting the cost to the people along with the effects we will endure from allowing the roll back of protections. It's doesn't help with tourism, who wants to go to a polluted toxic state? You may be able to fly where ever you like but everyone else doesn't have that luxury.

No one wants these cuts to environmental protections, we all know the damage that will come of it my health is not worth allowing companies to get away with polluting the environment that WE are part of.

Regards.
S. Jones

Sent from Proton Mail Android

From: ROBERT WOLFE
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:56:51 PM

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I strongly support more environmental protections for the state of Indiana, not less. Wetlands and forests are turning into fields and housing developments and it doesn't take a genius to understand the negative environmental impact of this mismanagement! We need to stop prioritizing short-term economic gain for a few over a clean, healthy environment for everyone, including wildlife! It's perfectly ok if environmental protections are "burdensome". Most worthwhile things in life are "burdensome". Do the right thing. Strengthen, not weaken, environmental protections!

Kelly Wolfe
Muncie, Indiana

From: Zach Downey
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:47:49 PM

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Hello,

I am writing with concerns about executive order (EO 25-38) that directs state agencies to review and potentially roll back Indiana's environmental regulations.

This is a horrible idea. Why would we want to allow industry and agriculture to pollute our water or air? To save some money for CEO's and shareholders? Unacceptable. Allowing for more pollution will only lead to unhealthy Hoosiers - which will end up costing us even more, both financially and healthwise.

Our state parks, lakes, rivers, and other wildlife/natural areas are worth FAR more than letting a small percentage of wealthy business owners increase their bank accounts. To support this sort of roll-back of regulations is greedy and extremely short-sighted.

Please consider the impact of our future generations and oppose this disastrous order.

Sincerely,
-Zach Downey
Bloomington, IN

From: Steve Ross
To: [JDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Please Support Environmental Controls
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:15:53 PM

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Please don't let the greed of the wealthy define our environment. If you do, then you will be responsible for more people becoming sick and/or dying from the pollution they create. Not to mention what we see is already happening with our world ecosystem. Why can't Indiana be environmentally friendly? Please don't let greed rule the day and kill our world.

Thank you.
Steven Ross

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From: Susan
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 11:48:28 AM

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I oppose decreasing standards for clean air and a clean environment. I am a product of a generation that watched as DDT decimated the wildlife populations around the country. I watched as air quality improved nationwide during the quarantine during the covid pandemic. I've watched thousands of animal species go extinct during my lifetime. This is not the world, country or state I would like to leave to future generations. Rationalizing that this would help industry is only because of questionable financial gains. What use is money if you're intent on destroying the health of your citizens? Please reconsider this order.

Thank you,
Susan Sharp

From: lbpayne78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lindsey Payne
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:49:34 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Lindsey Payne and I am a resident of Tippecanoe County, Indiana. I am a deeply engaged in the preservation of our waterways in Indiana both as a professor at Purdue University and as a mom with small children who love to spend time in our rivers and streams. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Best,

Lindsey Payne

Tippecanoe County Resident

Sincerely,

Dr. Lindsey Payne

3019 N 400 W West Lafayette, IN 47906-5232

lbpayne78@gmail.com

From: lbpayne78@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lindsey Payne
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:48:38 AM

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Thank you for your time and consideration,
Best,
Lindsey Payne
Tippecanoe County Resident

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From: msbaughm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Molly Baughman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Sincerely,
Molly Baughman
1355 W 58th St Indianapolis, IN 46228-1959
msbaughm@gmail.com

From: msbaughm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Molly Baughman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: Brooke Isaac
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: eo 25-38 Rolling back environmental protections is disgraceful
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:21:03 AM

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To Braun and all the cronies behind eo 25-38

What the title says. You're destroying the land we have left for greed. You should be ashamed, but I doubt you're capable of self reflection. But you got your helipad so you can fly out when the shit hits the fan.. so worth it, right? Have some dignity and respect for the land we live on.

Brooke Isaac

From: msbaughm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Molly Baughman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:13:46 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:13:26 AM

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From: Joshua Cuevas
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 10:09:09 AM

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My name is Joshua Cuevas, and I am a resident of the state of Indiana. I staunchly oppose Executive Order 25-38 that Governor Braun has proposed for the following reasons:

1. Federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination.
2. This order ties the hands of our own state experts, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governor's office, which has shown no commitment to environmental protection.
3. Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.
4. Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.
5. This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It shifts the bills from polluters to the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come. It is a short-sighted gain both for the government and residents of Indiana.

Please consider the opinions of your constituents and the good of the state and weigh it against the short-term economic gains.

Thank you,
Joshua Cuevas.

From: strings.corn_1s@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Blakley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:49:40 AM

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From: Shannon Hahn
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 7:31:32 AM

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Dear Indiana Department of Environmental Management,

As a concerned Indiana resident, I am writing to express my vehement opposition to Executive Order 25-38, which directs state agencies to review and potentially repeal environmental protections that exceed federal minimum standards.

This order is deeply misguided. Federal environmental standards are meant to be a baseline, not a ceiling. Indiana faces unique environmental challenges, such as Superfund sites, widespread industrial waste, and agricultural runoff. Rolling back our state-specific regulations would tie the hands of local experts and remove critical protections for our communities, ecosystems, and future generations of Hoosiers.

The order frames this move as a boost to economic efficiency, but it doesn't account for the true costs of pollution - costs that ultimately Hoosiers end up paying:

- * Healthcare expenses due to increased exposure to contaminated air and water. Rising asthma rates, respiratory issues, and developmental problems, especially in children and vulnerable populations.
- * Economic damage to tourism and recreation, which rely on clean rivers, lakes, forests, and trails. We must protect places like the White River, Lake Michigan, and our state parks. They can NOT be sacrificed for short-term corporate gain.
- * Over-development leads to escalating natural disasters. Destruction and degradation of fragile but necessary Indiana ecosystems, like the Wabashiki Wetlands just west of where I live, leaves us vulnerable to issues like increased flooding, soil erosion, and loss of arable land over time. Just look at California for examples of how environmental mismanagement has led to devastating wildfires and billions of dollars in damages every single year.
- * Long-term taxpayer burdens: Cleanup of contaminated sites, reduced property values, and the generational impacts of environmental degradation will cost Hoosiers far more than any supposed "efficiencies" saved by polluters today.

Environmental protection is the foundation of economic prosperity. Contrary to what current political leaders claim, no business of value will not want to relocate to and invest in a toxic dump of a state. A clean, healthy Indiana is essential for economic growth, public health, and our shared quality of life as Hoosiers.

I urge IDEM to reject any attempt to weaken Indiana's environmental standards. We deserve BETTER than the bare minimum, and we're done settling for it.

Sincerely,

Shannon Hahn

Terre Haute, IN (47803)

From: Cameron Pace
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 2:35:56 AM

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I am a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

Our environment is already hurting do not damage it further.

From: Gabriel Hensinger
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: An Indiana resident opposed to Executive Order 25-38
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:38:05 AM

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I am an Indiana resident in one of our typical heavy industrial areas who is opposed to Executive Order 25-38. In no world is it sensible to roll back our environmental regulations, and they do not need to be reviewed. Not until we have implemented stronger and more modern regulations. We already struggle to keep things clean and healthy in this state and Mike Braun wants to make it harder? Indiana can do better than the federal government. We cannot accept the absolute minimum. Braun is seriously suggesting that we, as a state, should accept poor air, water, and soil quality in the name of what exactly? An arbitrary goal of "economic growth" that will be nullified by the cost of poisoned Hoosiers who will have to cover for that "growth" with their medical expenses. As if it wasn't difficult enough to fish in our rivers or enjoy the sparse wetlands that remain. If businesses are at risk of polluting OUR environment then it's only fair that they are held to the highest standard possible. It shouldn't matter if it is "confusing" we need to have standards for Christ's sake. The people, and the government the people put in place to represent them, should have their say in what development is allowed and how safe it should be. If these policies are rolled back we're letting corporations run wild with OUR land hurting OUR people who will eat the cost from THEIR damaging practices.

From: Adrienne Roberson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposition of Executive Order 25-38 Limiting Environmental Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:30:55 PM

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Dear Governor Braun,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to your recent Executive Order: "Creating Opportunity Through Reduction of Excessive Environmental Regulation."

As a Hoosier who deeply values the health of our environment, not only for myself but for future generations, I am deeply concerned that this order prioritizes short-term economic interests at the expense of long-term environmental sustainability and public health.

Federal environmental standards often set a minimum threshold, not an ideal one. Indiana has unique environmental challenges that sometimes require stronger action than federal law prescribes. By prohibiting the adoption of state rules that go beyond federal standards, even when science and local needs justify them, this order puts our water, air, and natural ecosystems at risk.

Stronger environmental protections are not excessive regulation. They are investments in the health, safety, and future prosperity of Indiana residents. Rolling back these protections or refusing to strengthen them limits our ability to respond effectively to issues like industrial pollution, habitat loss, and climate change.

I urge you to reconsider this order and instead support a balanced approach that allows Indiana to lead instead of lag when it comes to protecting our environment.

Thank you,
Adrienne Roberson
4421 Fairfield Ave
Fort Wayne, IN 46807
260.418.6847

From: Stacy Harding
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environmental concerns
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 11:24:25 PM

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Mike,

Are you trying to kill families, women, and children by signing this bill? Ever watch Erin Brockovich? Back in time we go! Do you get paid for lessening IN's population?

I expect better from you! Hoosiers deserve better. Start voting for our interests, not lining your pocket! Or helping the so called president build a fascist country. I used to be proud to be a Republican, now I just cringe at what is happening.

BTW, is it self interest to cap spending on all colleges in IN? Since you have massive power at IU? What's up?

Thank you for your time!

From: siouxbleigh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachael B
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9:05:39 PM

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From: bsu417@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristi Johnson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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From: darrelldnorris@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Darrell Norris
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:21:12 PM

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IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF COAL FIRED POWER PLANTS -- THEY ARE THE DIRTIEST OF ALL POWER PRODUCING PLANTS. HAVE SOME GUTS AND GET RID OF THEM, NOT EXTEND THEIR USE !

Sincerely,
Darrell Norris
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From: darrelldnorris@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Darrell Norris
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:18:37 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49. I grew up in a small Indiana farm town (near Ft. Wayne), worked when young baling hay, mowing yards, was a Paper Boy, worked at a local weekly newspaper as a Sports writer, worked at a gas station on occasion. I was also an active Boy Scout and Explorer Scout, and I believed in "taking care of our State, our Nation, and our Planet". The environment efforts, and the founding of IDEM was a Big Step Forward !!! NOW, we have all of these "raw capitalist" pollution deniers running our State and Nation - amidst all of this, in Scientifically Accurate knowledge of horrible damage we are doing to our Environment - all for the glory of these Harvard MBA and private equity company greedy and ignorant, selfish, people. I paid My Own Way through college (Butler), and I paid my own way later through law School (University of Dayton). I am a civil trial litigator at core, and have been General Counsel for a grass-roots-start -up Indiana Manufacturing Company which was bought by a Private Equity Company - now the plant no longer exists here in Indiana (we employed 300 local people - all out of jobs, Of Course). I also worked in the Mayor's Office at the City of Carmel for a few years, until the "Tea Party" geniuses eliminated my job (I worked on environmentally positive projects in part). YOU at IDEM have a NEED to Promote Forward Thinking Clean Energy, Safe Energy, and other things, like Clean Water, protecting water sheds and aquifers, etc. PLEASE DO YOUR JOB, AND RESIST AGAINST the withdrawal of Environmental Safeguards in Indiana (including those of Gov. Braun - pure capitalism, while shocking to these MBA people like Gov. Braun, will not fix everything by simply the alleged "virtue" of capitalistic supply and demand. I recall in 1970 when the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland and Lake Erie caught on fire - YES, a RIVER CAUGHT ON FIRE !! Then, people "woke up" and started the Environmental Protection Agency ! - Darrell Norris

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From: Joseph Cooke III
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: EO-25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:55:20 PM

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Indiana is one of the most polluted states in the United States, why would this Executive Order be a thing?

From: Poppy Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Opposition to executive order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:49:49 PM

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This is Laurie Fraundorfer and I'm a resident of Alexandria, IN. Federal environmental requirements are the bare minimum and would fail to address all of Indiana's unique environmental needs. Indiana needs to protect its air and water the way experts deem necessary. To not take care of our environment will lower the quality of life to all Hoosiers. It would make Indiana a place that people don't want to live, visit, or do business. I oppose executive order 25-38. Thanks for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

Sincerely,
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From: ajpbriles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Briles
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: ajpbriles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Briles
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:05:53 PM

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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 6:03:00 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: rapidsgrove.jaime@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Forslund
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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What lessening controls on the social cost of carbon emissions actually equates to would be allowing industries to dump their solid waste onto public roads for the public to take care of. Dumping waste into the air or, for that matter, into waterways is totally not acceptable.

Sincerely,
Mr. Jim Forslund
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From: rapidsgrove.jaime@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James FORSLUND
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:42:47 PM

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I will be 80 years old in a few months. I have always been an enthusiastic outdoorsman and can attest that even temporary wetlands are useful and a key part of the natural habitat. Marshlands in the South Bend area were my childhood haunts - these are gone, replaced by an auto junkyard, a gambling parlor, and so forth. The marshlands were home to an incredible diversity of wildlife. Gone now. Wetlands in the wet upland forest that my former home on Pennsylvania Street was in, were home to many species of amphibian. Those very small wetlands were replaced by buildings within the last few decades. The lots - on either side of 86th Street - were lively with the smallest of frogs each spring. Gone now. Similarly, wetlands around Fishers, where I now live, are being turned into housing developments, along with the valuable farmland that is being lost. So....almost nothing is left and we can not afford to lose any of it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: T Bab
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public comment opposing executive order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:41:58 PM

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I am a resident of Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: barway22@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Hargrove
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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I have paid flood insurance that cost more than my house insurance due to the many 100 year floods that are happening every year, I finally paid big bucks and put in a ever dry system for my basement because I have lost so many treasures stored there. Right now this nwin is still suffering because the state legislature does not understand that wetlands are needed to absorb the rains that have become so torrential. God created them for a reason.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: ajpbriles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Briles
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: Elizabeth Patton
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:32:52 PM

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As a Hoosier and a constituent, I would like to express my opposition to Executive Order 25-38, which reduces Indiana's power to control pollution. This EO ignores future healthcare costs, since pollution is shown to increase serious illnesses like asthma and certain cancers. It hurts the tourism and recreation industry. Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. And It's a cost shift, putting the burden onto us citizens instead of the polluting businesses. I ask you to protect Hoosier air, land, and water and Hoosier lives!

Liz Patton
Columbus, IN

From: rlenglum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rita Englum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: estickdorn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Stickdorn
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 3:34:16 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38.

In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning. In my neighborhood individuals are unaware of health hazards created by open burning and regularly perform open burning of plastics and household garbage at all hours of the day and night with complete disregard to their own health or the health of their neighbors.

A particularly egregious example is of one neighbor who burned down an entire house allowing toxic substances to spread across miles of nearby land for days. The local Fire Department refused to put the fire out when the owners of the fire initially falsely reported the source was merely wood (which itself is illegal if causing a nuisance). Eventually, IDEM performed an investigation and required the fire be put out, but the burning continued for several days anyway.

IDEM reports that, when IDEM trains local Fire Departments about the enforcement to prohibit open burning, most Fire Departments resist their duty of enforcement. In fact, our local Cambridge City, Indiana Fire Department Chief reported that he would not enforce extinguishing an open burn unless it is causing a health problem; not simply a nuisance. Any open burning of household garbage and plastics creates a health hazard. Open burning, even of wood, creates a health hazard when humans or livestock are downwind.

IDEM's information on-line makes the hazards of open burning clear.

Open burning is particularly harmful for us as we are older individuals with lung and heart conditions and other health problems. Further, open burning results in deposits of dioxins and other hazardous chemicals on our property and home threatening our health and the health of our livestock and our land.

Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), and properly enforce those protections, not reduce them.

If "resources" for enforcing the prohibitions on open burning is an issue, then the simple solution is to make the fines commensurate with the cost of enforcement, i.e., in addition to the regular fine, charge the perpetrator with all mileage, equipment, and hourly wages costs involved in terminating the open burn.

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If you would like further information on our experiences with toxic open burning, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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From: Helen McPherson
To: info@indianainc.org
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT/OPPOSITION/EXECUTIVE ORDER 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2025, 2:28:58 PM

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I am a resident of South Bend, Indiana, and am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our regulations is a dangerous step backwards. Please prioritize the health of our Indiana residents and recommend this order be rescinded.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Helen McPherson

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From: GaryResident
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:57:14 PM

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Daniel Erwin, and I am a resident of Anderson, Indiana. I'm writing to oppose Governor Braun's Executive Order 25-38.

The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic benefits of a healthy environment.

Here are the flaws in that argument:

- It Ignores Healthcare Costs: Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.
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A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive—they are deeply connected.

- Clean Air & Water: Federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.
- State Flexibility: This order ties our own state experts' hands, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governors office who have showed no commitment to environmental protections.

As an Indiana resident, an Eagle Scout, an outdoor enthusiast, and a witness to the multiple White River fish-kill incidents with a strong desire to see our environment, communities, and economy thrive, I am strongly opposed to this Executive Order and its enactment. Please think of the generational harm this Executive Order will cause, and the power it strips from the state and its residents to determine their own legislation and future.

Best regards,

Daniel Erwin

From: dandarnell2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniel Darnell
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:50:05 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
Daniel Darnell
323 W 126th Ave Crown Point, IN 46307-7102
dandarnell2000@yahoo.com

From: dandarnell2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniel Darnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:49:04 PM

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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: John Geiger
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:26:20 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am an Indiana resident and I vehemently oppose any cutting from our environmental protections in our state. These are protections to ensure a safe and clean environment for land that belongs to the people of Indiana, not private industry who have the single goal of profiting off of our land and our resources at the expense of our health and the future inhabitants of the Hoosier state.

Mike Braun has been bought by private industry so that they will be allowed to ignore decades of environmental protections that keep our parks alive, bring tourism into the state, and keep our families healthy.

I oppose executive order 25-38 and stand for Hoosiers' rights to environmental protections.

Sincerely,

John Geiger

From: Colt Barker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Indiana Environment
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:20:03 PM

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I am writing this as a lifelong Hoosier.

Please don't remove any environmental protections in this state. We are already ranked in the bottom 10 for both water and air quality for citizens. We should be increasing our environmental efforts, not selling the health of our citizens to a handful of Braun's wealthy donors.

Most of Bruan's actions as governor have been that of a lapdog, patiently nipping at the heels of his owner, Dongal Trump. Please stop harming this state Mike.

Sincerely,
Colt Barker
Former Mike Braun Intern: 2015 Indiana Legislative Session.

From: Jan Edmondson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Environment
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:45:29 PM

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PLEASE protect our environment in Indiana!! Do not reduce protections already in place. Be a responsible citizen and protect the future for the next generations of hoosiers. We need to keep citizens from leaving the state, not driving them away. Do not reduce protections!

Jan

From: rartuin270@aol.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 12:25:21 PM

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I am a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

Federal standards should be a floor, not a ceiling. Our state must keep the authority to create stronger rules to protect our local air, water, and the health of our communities from our unique environmental challenges.

Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

From: Cam D
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38"
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:58:19 AM

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This eo will endanger countless Hoosiers and shifts the burden of cleaning up pollution on to private individuals and the Healthcare of everyone.

Cameron deno, idianapolis in

From: Andrew Baxter
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Business Owner Strongly Opposed of EO 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:52:21 AM

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I am a business owner in Indianapolis, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

I believe the economic argument of this executive order is shortsighted and ignores the benefits of a healthy environment,

It Ignores Healthcare Costs: Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.

It Hurts Tourism and Recreation: Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.

It's Not a Cost Savings, It's a Cost Shift: This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come.

From: boliviamarie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olivia Farrington
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:51:49 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Olivia Farrington
17700 Douglas Rd South Bend, IN 46635-1654
boliviamarie@gmail.com

From: boliviamarie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olivia Farrington
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:50:22 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands serve as a vital resource to our human health, supporting biodiversity, managing floodwaters, and improving water quality. Reducing wetland protection is both irresponsible and shortsighted. At one time, wetlands covered 25% of the total area of Indiana. Now, these critical natural systems that recharge aquifers cover less than 4% of the state. We cannot afford to lose more wetland habitat. With stronger and more significant flooding events from extreme weather regularly occurring in Indiana, our remaining wetlands are essential to protecting human health and reducing property damage from such events. Moreover, they are critical to filtering wastewater. For example, New York City found that it could save \$3 billion to \$8 billion in new wastewater treatment plants by purchasing and preserving just \$1.5 billion in land around its upstate reservoirs. [LINK: <https://nylcv.org/press-item/new-york-lawmakers-pass-historic-3-billion-environmental-bond-act-as-part-of-2020-2021-state-budget/>].

Human health and economic prosperity are not separate from our shared environment; our societal outcomes are inherently tied to the health of our ecosystems. Instead of allowing this destruction, we should be prioritizing sustainable alternatives that preserve and enhance our natural resources. Wetlands are not an isolated piece of land that can simply be replaced elsewhere; they are part of a larger, interconnected ecosystem that plays a crucial role in maintaining balance. The loss of this habitat will have long-term consequences that mitigation efforts elsewhere cannot truly compensate for.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Olivia Farrington
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From: Jake U
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing EO 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:43:22 AM

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I'm a resident of Hometown, IN and STRONGLY oppose EO 25-38. It does nothing but allow corporations MORE ROOM to abuse the land, pollute, and puts millions of Hoosier's lives at risk. The federal regulations should be the minimum, not the maximum. Everyone wants to talk about "State's Rights" so let's see that in action! Each state is going to have different locations, different, industries, and different flora and fauna. Blanket federal regulations have to be as broad as they can and will do NOTHING to help prevent situational problems. This is short sighted and only serves to pass the buck to future generations that have to deal with it. Braun doesn't care about any of that, he won't be around to see the effects of it. He just wants the lobbyist cash and "other incentives" so corporations can greedily suck up more resources from our state. The corporations already keep the majority of Hoosiers stuck in low wage jobs with little to no worker protection to supply these corporate overlords a cheap labor source....whole all of the profits from their work leave the state. Maybe Braun should hop in his helicopter (not a far walk from his back door) and actually go look at some of these protected areas and what Hoosiers stand to lose by him "relaxing" environmental protections. Despicable. Be better. Do better.

From: ccfritter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cheryl Chapman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:33:47 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana. As an active person in my community who watches out for natural resources, and as a participant in the Hoosier Environmental Council's Coal Ash Stakeholders Group, as well as the Lake Michigan Water Pollution Prevention Roundtable, I am very concerned that NIPSCO may be forced to keep open its Michigan City plant. The legacy coal ash at this site needs to go, and no new stuff needs to be generated! And frankly, NIPSCO has for years promised to close this plant - we local citizens and visitors are fed up with the noise pollution at the beach from the constantly running plant, not to mention the discharges, both normal and accidental, from the cooling towers resulting in ill health for the neighbors. Although La Porte County officials are on board for substituting natural gas for coal, and for keeping the plant open, well, that plant only benefits the industries west of here - it doesn't even benefit residents. Coal is antiquated and contributes to so much more than only climate change. Please do everything you can to shutter the coal plants that are on the road to closing. We can transition to far better forms of energy.

In addition, I am also concerned about everything that is allowed/permitted to be disposed of in Lake Michigan and other waters in Indiana. I have even attended IDEM trainings to learn the process of how IDEM decides to permit or to not permit certain industrial chemicals to be piped far out into Lake Michigan. I realize that in order to do things like pumping mercury, and other super harmful chemicals, deep and far away in the Lake, industries must jump through an incredible amount of hoops built into the IDEM permitting process. However, I believe that this process was created in order to tell us citizens "Oh, we've created so many safeguards that of course it's safe to release these pollutants into the environment." Part of the problem here is that although I don't even think you should permit the polluting chemicals, one at a time, to be released into our air or waters, there HAS to be a cumulative effect, and IDEM has nothing (yet) to measure or regulate that!

In summary, coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water, including drinking and swimming and fishing waters, and in the case of Pines, IN, right next door to us, has even polluted the earth! The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health. And in fact, reducing protections from any of our NW IN industries would be even worse for Hoosier Health. Have any of you ever ridden the South Shore Line to Chicago from points east, and when the train's doors are opened in Gary, you have to breathe in that horribly polluted air? People LIVE there! No matter what the sources of pollution in NW IN's air, waters, and ground, IDEM needs to tighten up its permitting processes, not loosen them! Revamp yourselves - using science, research, and best practices from states that have already cleaned up their air, water, and earth!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cheryl Chapman
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From: collegeschoolinfo@yahoo.com
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Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:26:30 AM

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I am a resident of Bloomington, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Weakening our own regulations is a dangerous step backward. Please prioritize the health of Hoosiers and recommend that this order be rescinded.

We have to do better than the minimum.

Whitney, a concerned citizen

From: Nick Craig
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:23:09 AM

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I am a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to Executive Order 25-38.

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Nicholas Craig

From: Chloe Weber
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:14:14 AM

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Good day,

I completely and utterly oppose Governor Braun's Executive Order on the following basis, as Purdue graduate and current Lafayette 47901 resident:

Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.

You do a great disservice by passing this EO.

Respectfully,
Chloe

From: Erin Kelley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 10:02:09 AM

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Hello!

I am a lifelong Hoosier and I'm writing to register opposition to EO 25-38, with regards to environmental protections.

While I support the federal government leading the charge on large-scale social issues, I do not think environmental protections at the federal level should be viewed as the maximum level of safety for every area. Indiana is a unique place with unique needs; our pollution-producing industries are often located very close to our natural resources. I'd love to continue camping, swimming, and boating in all of the beautiful places Indiana has to offer, and I believe that rolling back environmental protections will make this impossible in a number of years.

Please reconsider keeping Indiana's natural treasures beautiful and usable for all Hoosiers.

Erin Kelley
Monroe County

From: Nick Spickard
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment Opposing Executive Order 25-38
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9:52:49 AM

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Good morning,

I am a resident of Northwest Indiana and greatly oppose Mike Braun's Executive Order 25-38 that directs state agencies to review and potentially roll back any Indiana environmental regulation that is stronger than the federal minimum. Environmental protections are so very important to the health of not just the local ecosystem but the citizens that live in and around those ecosystems. Why would we want to allow corporations and industries to further pollute our homes?

Why This Matters:

Clean Air & Water: Federal standards are a floor, not a ceiling. Indiana has unique industrial and agricultural realities (like coal ash sites, factory farms, and heavy industry) that can require stronger, state-specific rules to protect our water from contamination and keep our air clean.

State Flexibility: This order ties our own state experts' hands, preventing Indiana from addressing its own environmental problems. It forces us to wait for a slow-moving federal government to act, or the governors office who have showed no commitment to environmental protections.

Let's Talk About the Flawed Economic Argument

The executive order claims this is about boosting the economy by cutting 'burdensome' rules. This logic is dangerously shortsighted and ignores the massive economic benefits of a healthy environment.

Here are the flaws in that argument:

It Ignores Healthcare Costs: Pollution leads to real, expensive health problems like asthma, respiratory illnesses, and developmental issues. Clean air and water mean lower healthcare costs for families, lower insurance premiums for businesses, and a healthier, more productive workforce.

It Hurts Tourism and Recreation: Indiana's state parks, lakes, and rivers generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Who wants to fish, boat, or hike in a polluted area? Weakening protections for the White River, Lake Michigan, or our state forests directly threatens tourism and recreation jobs.

It's Not a Cost Savings, It's a Cost Shift:** This order doesn't eliminate the costs of pollution; it just shifts them. It moves the bill from the polluters onto the public, who will pay for it through higher medical bills, lower property values, and the cleanup of contaminated sites for generations to come.**

A strong economy and a healthy environment are not mutually exclusive—they are deeply connected.

Thank you,
Nick Spickard

From: mabreide3000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary brei
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9:13:12 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Sincerely,
Ms. Mary brei
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mabreide3000@gmail.com

From: mabreide3000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Breidenbach
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 9:11:45 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Mary Breidenbach
7810 Meadowbrook Dr Indianapolis, IN 46240-2657
mabreide3000@gmail.com

From: mtpobuk@gmail.com
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: hey
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go fuck yourself mike

From: patch1203@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deb Sitarski
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 7:48:36 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. I live in Indiana. I strongly oppose this order!!!!!!!!!!

In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning. I am opposed to this !! we already have multiple days when it is not safe for me to be outdoors because of airborne particulate matter. Last summer, and again this summer my activities have been curtailed and I cannot take full advantage of our parks, trails and walkways, which as a Hoosiers taxpayer, I have funded for over 50 decades.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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weakening or repealing environmental protections is a threat to OUR health. This affect YOU, your children, your grandchildren, crops, livestock, pets, gardens, and outdoor activities. Let's put air quality over profit. I have obstructive sleep apnea and emphysema. I must use a machine to breathe at night.

Imagine if you had to struggle for each breath?? PLEASE DO NOT TAKE STEPS TO LESSEN OUR AIR QUALITY!!

I am a resident, taxpayer and voter in Indiana. Please fulfill your duty as a public servant and protect us from open burning.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Deb Sitarski
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From: enhouston414@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emma Houston
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 4:05:25 AM

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I spend a lot of time around nature in my hometown of Indianapolis, mostly hiking, biking, and fishing. Wetland protections make for a richer ecosystem for us to enjoy. Decreased wetlands will definitely have an impact on the native species we share this land with.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Emma Houston
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From: sjones13507@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Spencer Jones
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:54:23 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic and human well-being, damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. Our children's future rely on us making the right decisions today, don't damn them by being ignorant and greedy.

Sincerely,
Spencer Jones
2219 Kayhill Dr Anderson, IN 46012-2813
sjones13507@gmail.com

From: sjones13507@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Spencer Jones
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:54:13 PM

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. We should be moving toward clean energy, not just for ourselves, but for our children and their children.

Sincerely,
Spencer Jones
2219 Kayhill Dr Anderson, IN 46012-2813
sjones13507@gmail.com

From: mccollummallory@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mallory McCollum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:40:05 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: mccollummallory@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mallory McCollum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 4:39:08 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: mccollummallory@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mallory McCollum
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Mike Braun is wanting to make Indiana healthy again and he can do that by implementing protections from hazardous waste. Hoosiers want our water to be safe enough to drink, swim and fish in. We need to protect the health of our future generations by taking actions now to control the dumping of hazardous material. It's not enough to limit ourselves to the regulations of federal law. Indiana is unique and we need our own protections to keep our citizens safe.

I miss the days when you didn't have to think twice before jumping into a river on a hot summer day. I miss the days where you could fish without wondering if its even safe to eat. I want all children to experience what we did when we were kids. We must fight for a better future and make Indiana healthy again.

Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced. Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: robyn.gibboney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roberta Gibboney
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 3:49:25 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana. Simply put, this is exactly the opposite of what we need to be doing in the energy sector.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Sincerely,
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From: robyn.gibboney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roberta Gibboney
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 3:47:58 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

The extreme weather hitting communities throughout the US costs residents, industry and government billions of dollars. Refusing to acknowledge that climate change is real is simply ridiculous. We need to intensify planning and take steps to reduce our carbon footprint, not make it more difficult to do so.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: robyn.gibboney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roberta Gibboney
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

A US News & World Report recently ranked Indiana 50th out of 50 states on its Natural Environment scorecard. We need more protections, not a reduction!!

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Sincerely,
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From: bbrownslp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Brown
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 3:39:38 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana, and I strongly oppose any weakening of wetland protections.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. It seems that the monetary greed of corporations and developers has more sway than the health and well-being of Hoosier citizens like me. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. I live in downtown Lafayette, a few blocks from the Wabash River, which floods on a regular basis, including this past week. Wetlands are crucial to reducing and managing flood waters, and as we get heavier, more frequent rainfall due to climate change, those wetland areas play an even more critical role in protecting our homes and communities. Furthermore, wetlands are a far more economical solution for maintaining clean water and preventing flood damage than constructing levees or paying out millions in insurance and tax-payer funded emergency reserves.

It is the job of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to serve the best interests of Indiana citizens, not the interests of developers or the fossil fuel industry. I respectfully ask that you strengthen vital protections for our vanishing Indiana wetlands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: robyn.gibboney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roberta Gibboney
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. When my son was young, he ended up in ICU because of someone burning leaves in our neighborhood!

Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: robyn.gibboney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roberta Gibboney
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: robyn.gibboney@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roberta Gibboney
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 3:33:44 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: leah.mcmichael@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leah McMichael
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance. I experience this firsthand working at Garfield Park Conservatory, where increasing heatwaves create unsafe working conditions while killing our plants and animals, even as we experience record flooding and wind-damage events.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: mccollummallory@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mallory McCollum
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

I was born and raised in Indiana and as I Hoosier, I wish to live the rest of my life enjoying the natural environments here. I have witnessed throughout my years, forests being destroyed, wetlands and species declining and going extinct. We have already destroyed 90% of Indiana's wetlands which are crucial for protecting us from the damages of climate change.

We are ranked 50th out of all the states in preserving our natural environment and it's not too late to change that. If we as a state, commit to increasing our protection of wetlands (IC 13-18-22), we will protect ourselves physically and economically. Regardless of what federal rules require, we need to preserve and regenerate our lands.

I know it's Mike Braun's mission to make Indiana healthy and protecting wetlands is a wonderful place to start. I want to be proud of the state I live in and see future generations thrive in the state I love so much. Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Please, let's commit to protecting our lands before we have nothing left. Humans cannot thrive without our natural environments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: karendarnell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Darnell
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 2:18:27 PM

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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water and evaporates into the air causing serious health issues. HOW IS THIS EVEN A PROPOSAL? The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained AND strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health and the health of the entire planet.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. I believe that anyone in favor of reducing air and water protections in Indiana NEVER HAS THE CITIZEN in mind.

Sincerely,
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From: karendarnell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Darnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: karendarnell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Darnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

When will Indiana lawmakers realize that you can't eat, drink, or live in money. We are destroying our planet for financial gain.

Sincerely,
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From: rhonda.m.115@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rhonda Mathes
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. Nuclear waste is not safe for anyone, or any thing living.

If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Sincerely,
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From: rhonda.m.115@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rhonda Mathes
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public. Our creeks, rivers, and lakes need protecting.

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Sincerely,
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From: patriciaoser24@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Oser
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:50:01 AM

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Sincerely,
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From: patriciaoser24@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Oser
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:48:16 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. I READ THIS PLAN AND IT IS VERY WELL DONE. TO JUST IGNORE THIS PLAN THAT ADDRESSES MANY OF INDIANA'S CLIMATE ISSUES IS UNACCEPTABLE!! Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policy making, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

MY HOME INSURANCE HAS DOUBLE IN THE LAST 2 YEARS. I AM ON A FIXED INCOME. THIS IS UNSUSTAINABLE.

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Sincerely,
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From: rkirk1937@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Kirk
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:43:24 AM

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Market oriented decision makers assume that there are no market failures in the production of goods and services. A market failure occurs when there is an external effect, either benefit or cost, in production or consumption that fails to internalize the externality. If a positive externality, then subsidize the activity. If a negative externality, then tax the activity.

In the case of utility regulation, the negative externalities should be recognized and accounted for. Sure it is difficult to measure negative externalities, but not recognizing them is a market failure. Do Indiana institutions wish to be recognized as market failures?

Sincerely,
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From: patriciaoser24@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Oser
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:40:05 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community well being. Indiana cannot get any lower on our environmental rating.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed. I am on a fixed income and I am in no position to pay developers costs for small modular reactors that may never come to fruition.

Sincerely,
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From: rkirk1937@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Kirk
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

To reduce utility rates, I propose that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission reduce the return on equity to 6 percent. This would allow stockholders an adequate return and provide rate payers some relief. Rates have gone up too much.

Sincerely,
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From: tessfunke67@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tess Bunnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:09:48 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Sincerely,
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From: tessfunke67@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tess Bunnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: tessfunke67@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tess Bunnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: tessfunke67@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tess Bunnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:08:25 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: tessfunke67@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tess Bunnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:06:27 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: tessfunke67@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tess Bunnell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 10:05:32 AM

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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: annelaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Laker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

Coal is no longer economically viable. It's not cost-efficient. Subsidizing coal helps no one except a few rich people.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that degrades our health and our economy.

Sincerely,
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From: annelaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Laker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:38:29 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan.

This makes no sense and is a rejection of the science and of our experience. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

Responsible politicians must use the social cost of carbon to inform policy. It's not a red or blue issue.

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From: annelaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Laker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

It is impossible to find a lake or stream that is clean enough to swim in in Indiana, That's horrendous. And it's because we have few protections against run-off.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health and our economy.

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From: annelaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Laker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

I know people who have moved out of Indiana and won't even come back to visit because being here triggers their asthma and makes them sick. The cost of health care for people sickened by Indiana's environment is high.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a burden on our health.

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From: annelaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Laker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:31:47 AM

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I know people who have moved out of Indiana and won't even come back to visit because being here triggers their asthma and makes them sick. The cost of health care for people sickened by Indiana's environment is high.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health and economy. No one wants to live in the most polluted state in the nation.

Sincerely,
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From: annelaker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Laker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:28:55 AM

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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

We need to use the built-in "technology" of nature which provides ecosystem services -- not destroy their functioning.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Anne Laker
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From: reflynn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bob Flynn
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:12:33 AM

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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
Bob Flynn
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From: reflynn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bob Flynn
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 9:11:38 AM

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened, particularly in light of the weakening of protections at the federal level. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. You are proposing to shift a burden from businesses onto the lungs and food-supply of every Hoosier. This is a shortsighted and harmful direction to go. Please don't put profit over people and personal gain over the public good.

Sincerely,
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From: Stephaniequinto@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Quinto
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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We can do better for ourselves, our children, and future generations of Hoosiers. You are the one who can make the change, please do the right thing to keep Indiana healthy!!!

Thanks,

Stephanie Quinto

Sincerely,
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From: mlwiggin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rebecca Wigginton
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

During my career working as a soil scientist with USDA I did hundreds of wetland determinations and know first hand how important they are for our environment. Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: mason.greenbergh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mason Greenberg
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Sincerely,
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From: mason.greenbergh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mason Greenberg
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:46:50 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: mason.greenbergh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mason Greenberg
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:46:19 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. While I do very much see potential economic gain from such technological development, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: mason.greenbergh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mason Greenberg
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: ahiestand@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Hiestand
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: ahiestand@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Hiestand
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: tatum.jean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jean Tatum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:27:49 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: tatum.jean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jean Tatum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: tatum.jean@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jean Tatum
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:13:46 AM

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From: gregcataldi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Greg Cataldi
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: w_mcdonald18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gdog McDonald
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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We need wetlands! I live near the small wetland in Cumberland In. These places are magical! Do the right thing for your grandkids!

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From: jan-buchanan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janine Buchanan
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: jan-buchanan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janine Buchanan
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:59:53 AM

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From: covered.bridge.crouse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Crouse
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From: eversjd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joanne Evers
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: mbaach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike Baach
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:48:28 AM

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From: mbaach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mike Baach
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:48:14 AM

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From: Karla.with.a.K@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karla Simpson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Why can't we move on from coal! Sacrificing the health of Hoosiers for coal is ignorance! I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

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From: Karla.with.a.K@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karla Simpson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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From: Karla.with.a.K@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karla Simpson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 7:44:15 AM

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: sdmoore4650@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stan Moore
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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I am a farmer and I see firsthand the increase in flooding due to wetland loss. The increased water flow also causes more streambank erosion further degrading the surface water quality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: susan.yoder@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of SUSAN YODER
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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From: r.vanes1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Vanes
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Indiana continues its "head in the sand" approach to climate change by extending coal burning power plants. This will only exacerbate the problem while burdening our children with more extreme weather and carbon pollution instead of embracing conversion to clean energy production.

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From: ark1731@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Allison Babij
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a Quaker concerned about the environment in Indiana, the US and the world, I feel strongly that Hoosiers are NOT overly burdened by environmental protections. Indiana has some of the weakest regulations in the country. It is the lack of protections that poses a risk to our health and wellbeing.

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Nuclear energy is not safe and produces a lot of hazardous waste. It is not something Hoosiers should be investing in when other better options are already available. Hoosiers need clean, renewable solar energy.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Hoosiers need safe, clean water to drink. Please protect our drinking water from pollution. Protect Hoosier health!

Sincerely,
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From: olimpia.gutierrez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olimpia Gutierrez
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Hoosiers in Northwest Indiana already suffer from air pollution and lead contamination. We need better protections.

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From: olimpia.gutierrez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olimpia Gutierrez
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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In Northwest Indiana we are overly burdened by decades of pollution by industry. We need more protections not less. Hoosiers have suffered enough.

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From: olimpia.gutierrez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olimpia Gutierrez
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Wetlands are important for clean drinking water and flood mitigation. Please protect our homes and our health!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: olimpia.gutierrez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Olimpia Gutierrez
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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Hoosiers deserve leaders who will protect them and their properties from the consequences of CO2 emissions. It is not the place of the federal or state government to forbid local government from doing what is best for its citizens. That is over-reach of power and it is un-American and unacceptable.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

We have neighbors that open burn their trash regardless of what the regulations are at this current time. The smell of burning plastic can be smelled throughout the neighborhood. Because of the wild fire smoke a couple years ago, we purchased an outdoor air quality monitor. During the times of open burning we can see the air quality go from Good to Hazardous. We live in St. Joseph county near Baugo Bay and smoke tends to just linger a long time with now wind. Allowing open burning for everyone, I think will make the bad actors worse and encourage others to dispose of things by burning rather than paying the cost of going to a land fill, making the situation even more hazardous to our health.

I've lived in this area since the 60s and remember the bad old days. My wife and I often comment on how much better the St. Joseph valley is environmentally is now, compared to when we were kids. Please don't let it get messed up.

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From: stackams@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann M Stack
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Regarding public comment on Executive Order 25-38: in particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 will be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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With hope,

Ann M Stack

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From: ras6505@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rebecca Sanders
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: naturegirl.gehlhausen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Gehlhausen
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 1:40:43 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Having lived in Southern Indiana all my life among the 4 "Super Polluters", I am very aware of the ill effects they have on our health and our environment. My children are now over 40 years old and I am still fighting a battle that should not even exist.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: naturegirl.gehlhausen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Gehlhausen
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I can not imagine anyone not wanting to take action on climate change, particularly our elected officials. Environmental protections should be the rule of thumb. The majority of Hoosiers favor climate action to better prepare us for the future.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: kvgeckler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelly Geckler
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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As a State, we are going backwards when we rely so much on coal for energy rather than developing renewable forms of energy production for Hoosiers.

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From: kvgeckler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelly Geckler
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere. When Braun was a legislator he was allegedly the only Republican who admitted climate change was a real problem. What happened? Does he not have children and grandchildren he'd like to leave the world better for?

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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I work in the waste industry and know how much hazardous waste is being disposed every single day. It's important to protect Hoosiers.

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From: kvgeckler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kelly Geckler
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 8:36:32 AM

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I live in Columbus, Indiana where we had a major flood in 2008. I live in a neighborhood that was directly affected. I don't want that to happen again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: martiniqueedwards@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martinique Edwards
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 6:02:39 AM

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The creek that runs through Overleys Worman Park and Starkey Park in Zionsville smells strongly of cleaning detergent. It consistently smells that way whenever I hike on the trails, which makes me not want to recreate there. It lowers the water quality and recreational value of the trails. On Google Maps, the creek is named Crazy Creek as it runs through Overleys Worman and Starkey Branch as it runs through Starkey Park. I imagine the source is industrial because there is such a large quantity of contaminant in the water.

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Sincerely,
Martinique Edwards
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From: martiniqueedwards@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martinique Edwards
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025 5:51:12 AM

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I live near 71st St and Lafayette Rd. Some mornings throughout the year I step outside and smell an awful burning odor that causes me to hold my breath and get back inside as soon as possible. It smells like burning tires. I do not know the source of the smell, but it is prevalent throughout the neighborhood.

Also, there is a bad burning odor emitted near 86th St and Georgetown Rd. Whenever I drive past there, I have to hold my breath and roll up my car windows. The source of that smell is likely the industrial site across the street.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

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Mart Edwards
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From: auctioneersdaughter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Holley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: auctioneersdaughter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Holley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: JBIRD55JONES@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JENNIFER JONES
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: JBIRD55JONES@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JENNIFER JONES
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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From: sam_carpen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sam Carpenter
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 11:29:16 AM

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Did you know that rate increases of Hoosier's water bills having been skyrocketing far beyond the rate of inflation as shown on page 74 of the IURC's 2024 annual report? Wetlands hold sediment and nitrates and keep therefor reduce costs to utilities that process storm water. In addition wetlands reduce flooding that causes massive property destruction and causes insurance rates to climb. Hoosiers literally cannot afford more wetland destruction because of the direct impacts it has on our pocketbooks. The cost of increased water bills and insurance rates in overburdensome on families like mine!

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sam_carpen@hotmail.com

From: kammifox@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kammi FoxKay
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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kammifox@gmail.com

From: aarc63@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marie Whitfield
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Friday, June 20, 2025 6:26:14 AM

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As a retired Respiratory Therapist and one who now has Asthma, I am appalled that these protections could be weakened.

Sincerely,
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From: aarc63@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marie Whitfield
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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As an Indiana Master Naturalist, I intimately understand the role that wetlands play in a healthy ecosystem. I would hope that IDEM representatives have some basic knowledge and would understand the need to stringently protect our wetlands, rather than loosen the rules.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: torreyb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Torrey Bievenour
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 9:22:15 PM

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From: torreyb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Torrey Bievenour
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 9:21:56 PM

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: melinda.dubbs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melinda Dubbs
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: rsavcaver2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sue Vernier
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Sue Vernier, 580 N 350 E, Princeton, IN 47670

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: jzeck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeannie Zeck
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Climate change is real, and it is like that Executive Order 25-38 will exacerbate flooding, air pollution, destruction of wetlands, and further harm Hoosiers and the environment itself. This Order prioritizes business and profit over health of humans and the ecosystem. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

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From: jzeck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeannie Zeck
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From: cmcgowin.65@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Connie McGowin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: cmcgowin.65@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Connie McGowin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 10:40:17 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: cmcgowin.65@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Connie McGowin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: cmcgowin.65@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Connie McGowin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: cmcgowin.65@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Connie McGowin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: sgrains19@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Rains
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: linda.kerr72@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Kerr
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 7:42:00 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Eagle Marsh here in Fort Wayne is one of the remaining wetlands in this region. ALL must be protected for the health of our state. My church congregation works diligently to harvest, store, start the seeds and plant them again at the Marsh. We are to be stewards of the earth.

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From: bravojsomoya@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Homoya
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025 6:54:01 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: gawalters@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Walters
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 3:09:59 PM

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Please stop pretending this ugly, dirty, smelly material is safe for the environment. And please stop pandering to the small base of people who don't understand the science or don't care about it. How many cities air quality do you have to see to know how negatively the burning of coal impacts the air?!

Sincerely,
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From: gawalters@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Walters
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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They're trying to move us backwards, Braun as min-trump and his minions. We must stop playing with the Earth!

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From: gawalters@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Walters
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Let us also review who is generating the hazardous waste and demand they find alternatives when possible, but if not, require their involvement, financially and otherwise, in properly disposing of it.

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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Better control of the developers who want to build regardless of the impact on our environment would help establish a barrier to the abuse of our environment. I believe that should include trees and other elements of the proposed site that are helpful to the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: jpbiod@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Sweeney
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Would you drink water that was collected off of a Walmart parking lot? Would you be willing to drink the water coming out of a US Steel discharge pipe into Lake Michigan?

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From: jpbiod@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Sweeney
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All of the federal environmental bills passed since 1972 had been proposed as Minimum standards. Indiana seems to think that we do not need clean air and water. It is embarrassing.

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From: jpbiod@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Sweeney
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From: gingerbiev@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ginger Bievenour
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: mohar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Harriet Miller
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: mbaach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Baach
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:59:43 PM

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Sincerely,
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From: steve gerber
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive order 25-38
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:16:07 PM

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I am strongly opposed to this order. When you look at Indiana's ranking for air pollution, undrinkable river water and chemical pollution we consistently rank near the bottom compared to other states. The health of Hoosiers directly impacts the economy, cost of Medicaid and other health care. Why would you want to weaken the already poor control the state has over industrial pollution? This will further jeopardize the health of our communities.
Steve gerber MD, Granger, IN

From: carlakilgore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carla Kilgore
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: carlakilgore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carla Kilgore
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Air pollution that causes asthma can lead to lower life expectancy and costly health conditions, so I urge you to tighten restrictions to protect us all.

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From: carlakilgore@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carla Kilgore
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections. It is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. I prefer to drink clean water and avoid flooding in people's homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Helen & Bruno DeMarco
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Cc: [Helen & Bruno DeMarco](#)
Subject: Input on Environmental Regulations!
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Environmental regulations and policies are critical to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of our communities and environment. Given the recent rapid increase in heavy industry coming to Indiana (data centers, semiconductor manufacturing, and more), it is more important than ever to be increasing environmental protections, rather than weakening or eliminating them.

We are very concerned about the idea of loosening the regulations. PLEASE do not make the rules lesser. With this HUGE SK hynix plant looming near our homes, we need to be sure the State of Indiana is setting a standard to protect us against the toxic chemicals they are hiding from us.

DO NOT lessen the standards for water and air safety. We are in danger as this plant arrives in our area. It will be located within 100 yards of a senior citizen home. SO many citizens within one half mile of the building site. ANY mistake they make with wastewater or air systems will be catastrophic to our communities. Please help us.

Sincerely,
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From: FHEastling@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of F. Hagoods-Eastling
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 4:51:47 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Sincerely,
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From: FHEastling@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of F. Hagoods-Eastling
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: njcrowe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Crowe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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My family, too, has had to rely more on air conditioning because the nights are hotter. This increases our energy consumption and costs. We have also been affected more by ticks and mosquitoes than in years past ... and absolutely hate using pesticides.

Can't we work together on some solutions?

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Sincerely,
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From: njcrowe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Crowe
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From: njcrowe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Crowe
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This is not a burden but a responsibility we bear for ourselves and future generations. Thank you.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: csunman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cheryl Sunman
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: 148markn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Nowotarski
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I actually would like to keep this simple. Indiana has a terrible history of not protecting our environment adding to our worse ratings in water quality, air quality and pollution, all impacting our public health. We should be leading the efforts to strengthen our protection of wetlands, hazardous waste disposal, cleaning up coal ash pits, transitioning to renewable energy which has been proven to be reliable, produce clean, well paying jobs. We have the opportunity to be a leader in focusing on improving and protecting our environment and public health. Please do the right thing.

In regard to EO 25-49, we should NOT be forbidding the development of climate action plans but encouraging them. In regard to EO-48, let the private sector innovate in developing nuclear energy but not put the burden on rate payers. And finally, on EO 25-50, supporting extending the life of coal-burning power plants across Indiana will just add to the issues we already have in public health ratings.

It is time to be a true leader in cleaning up our environment, improving public health and leading the clean energy revolution.

Sincerely,

Mark Nowotarski
Jasper, IN

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From: akgoodberlet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kyle Goodberlet
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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As a longtime resident of Indianapolis, I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

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From: arodegoodber@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anna Rode
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them. As an Indianapolis resident working in the field of children's environmental health, this proposal is incredibly concerning and misguided.

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Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. I have been a longtime resident of Indianapolis and would love to see our state move towards policies that safeguard the environment for future Hoosier generations, including for my 2-year old daughter.

Sincerely,
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From: lindawagner27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Wagner
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 2:08:05 PM

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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana. My husband and I enjoy taking walks and hikes in the beautiful natural areas of Indiana. Please protect our environment for our children and grandchildren. The Republicans are definitely not with the majority of Americans on trying to protect the environment for the future. I pray the next election will show current office holders just how much.

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Sincerely,
Linda Wagner
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From: tom-kristen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kris Grayson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 1:43:38 PM

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The amount of harmful algae in our waterways means we cannot enjoy our beauty state to its full potential. We have had our skin affected by toxic Indiana waters. And everyone deserves clean water to drink. Please utilize grey water systems for landscape watering and keep wetland areas preserved for help filter pollutants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: tom-kristen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kris Grayson
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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We Hoosiers love the option to sit on our porches and open our windows but we cannot due to high pm2.5's and other pollutants! Please keep our Hoosiers healthy by banning burning and enforcing clean air laws and lower or even better erase! harmful emissions!

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From: donc317@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Chernoff
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: donc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Chernoff
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I live in Indianapolis and am registered to vote.

As a chemist, I know that safety precautions are needed to work with and dispose of hazardous materials.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I live in Indianapolis and am registered to vote.

When I moved to Indiana almost 40 years ago, people were still allowed to burn leaves at their homes. Fortunately, that stopped a few years later.

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I live in Indianapolis and am registered to vote. My home and my neighbors' homes are threatened by flooding whenever it rains heavily.

Wetlands within the city help absorb the rainwater.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: blakeli@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lincoln Blake
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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I don't see why residential ratepayers should be burdened by the economic risks of SMR technology. Let the data center operators bear that risk!

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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 12:15:02 PM

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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I live in Indianapolis and am registered to vote. In addition to traditional forms of air pollution, I am concerned about CO2 emissions and global warming.

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From: donc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Chernoff
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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My homeowner's insurance premiums have been increasing. This year's premium is 11% higher than last year. Hail storms are part of the problem.

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From: madigirl711@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Madison Barr
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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From: mehnottage@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Ellen Nottage
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: mehnottage@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Ellen Nottage
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 11:32:17 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Mary Ellen Nottage, and I reside at 10770 Sawgrass Drive, Fishers IN. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

I have been negatively affected by open burning by a golf course near my home. When this occurs a smokey, acrid haze permeates the neighborhood; my eyes sting, my throat gets sore and I feel nauseated. Open burning indeed creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: hollis2861@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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My name is Holly Smith and I live in Fort Wayne, IN.

Sincerely,
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From: hollis2861@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Smith
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From: annntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Hougham
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: mrothert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Kay Rothert
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I live in southern Indiana and have seen the loss of wetlands and the effect it has had on water retention, flooding and reduced wildlife habitat. This is my public comment on Executive Order 25-38: wetland protections. I believe also that the bill will be used to increase the loss of wetland protections in Indiana. We have lost 90% of Indiana's wetlands and now more is threatened. We need MORE protections, not less. Without wetlands we lose much of our beautiful state and the enjoyment and life-enrichment of the animals, birds, fish and recreations we value.

We depend on wetlands to filter and slow the movement of water that can cause the flooding like we have seen here in Monroe county. They supply the water needed for our wells and allow many endangered animals to survive because they depend on water to survive and grow.

We need to increase wetland protections!

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: rkirkendall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rita Kirkendall
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:11:04 AM

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From: rkirkendall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rita Kirkendall
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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As an avid organic gardener, I see the impacts of our changing climate in the reduction of our beneficial pollinators and extreme weather. I fear a time when my grandchildren will no longer experience the wonder of a night filled with lightning bugs, the beauty of a yard filled with butterflies, or the serenade of our songbirds. All of these are diminishing already. Our lives and future lives are diminished by their absence. To ignore this for the almighty dollar is folly.

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From: susan.urena@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Proffitt
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: susan.urena@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Proffitt
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:58:00 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: rkirkendall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rita Kirkendall
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced. My husband has multiple health issues, including damaged lungs. I fear that a weakening of these protections would open the door to more hazardous waste which would increase his health issues, as well as impacting the future health of my children and grandchildren.

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I feel that Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: h.varadi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hannah Varadi
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: molehill@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Chenoweth
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38.

My home in Indianapolis still relies on well water, and I am concerned about contamination because of inadequate regulation of discharges into the aquifer. The reason we have regulations is to protect the public from actions that would degrade our natural resources, such as ground water or surface waters. There is a very small "stream protection zone" along Devon Creek, in northeast Indianapolis, which runs through my property, and I would like to see MORE protection for the water quality in the waterway, which feeds the water plant at Keystone and Fall Creek Parkway. There is a very nice wetland on my property, but I'm concerned that current regulations don't protect it adequately.

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From: h.varadi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hannah Varadi
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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I spent several years assisting Dr. Indra Frank as we tracked pollutants in coal ash. The amount of lithium, arsenic and other elements in the affected water is concerning. With increased flooding, these pollutants can escape into our groundwater and streams. The cumulative effects of these pollutants are unknown, but Hoosiers living near coal fired power plants have higher rates of cancers, cardiopulmonary diseases and preterm births, all of which create additional avoidable burdens for Hoosiers while decreasing the capacity for happier, healthier lives. Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

I'd like to propose that every resident and business owner have access to energy saving programs and support for solar systems with battery storage to reduce the need for prolonging the life of dirty, cancer causing power plants.

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From: mary.blackburn4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Blackburn
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:47:00 AM

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I've noticed the instability in our weather patterns that I have never experienced before. We never get snowfalls like we experienced as children. We only get freezing rain in the winter with intense cold blasts of air with abrupt shifts in the seasons. The lack of snowfall is depleting our groundwater and reservoirs. Studies report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

I want appropriate environmental safeguards. While I know builders want to be able to build anywhere the keep their businesses growing, it must be done to consider the future of our children. Indiana has more flooding in the north and south of the state and central Indiana is prone to increased heat and drought. We must plan to protect our aquifers for drinkable water, protect our homes from flooding and protect our families from emissions that cause preterm birth and heart diseases. Federal funding won't be available in the future, so Hoosiers must plan for resilience.

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From: mcannaley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Monica Cannaley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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From: w_mcdonald18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gdog McDonald
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:30:58 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Come on! Help protect us from polluting greed. No one is immune from greed, we need protection from it! I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: w_mcdonald18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gdog McDonald
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 8:28:09 AM

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We live right here. Let's stop crapping in our own mess kit.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Hi, I live near a wetland, and it is a wonderful place. That's what Indiana needs, are wonderful places. Why can't we swim in our creeks? Why are we afraid to swim in our lakes?

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

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From: wil-cat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Snyder
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: wil-cat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Snyder
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: orca_0574@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Arroyo-Monroe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: orca_0574@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Arroyo-Monroe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:40:41 AM

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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: orca_0574@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Arroyo-Monroe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: countrym361@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Countryman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:40:03 AM

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From: orca_0574@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Arroyo-Monroe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: mhartman1208@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Morgan Sheryak
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Sincerely,
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From: siouxbleigh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachael Berman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:14:46 AM

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From: hobbs2103@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ashley Hobbs
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:12:59 AM

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From: hobbs2103@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ashley Hobbs
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: hobbs2103@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ashley Hobbs
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: meghann.waddle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Meghann Waddle
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 10:21:47 PM

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Sincerely,
Meghann Waddle
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From: naturegirl.gehlhausen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Gehlhausen
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:17:13 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

The value of our wetlands is priceless. Today in Indiana only about 3.5 % of the state is made up of wetlands. I volunteer at a wetland wildlife refuge I know how very important wetlands are particularly in light of climate change. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: alexismclaughlin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Allie McLaughlin
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:03:20 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: marydankoski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Dankoski
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:42:56 PM

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From: marydankoski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Dankoski
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: corycox9177@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cory Cox
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 8:34:58 PM

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Sincerely,
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From: logan.waddle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Logan Waddle
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:51:12 PM

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From: logan.waddle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Logan Waddle
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:50:52 PM

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From: logan.waddle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Logan Waddle
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 7:47:55 PM

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From: corrierecl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Caryn Corriere
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Caryn Corriere and I live in Hammond, Lake County and I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. I have seen the impact of wetlands in recent years, as I am lucky enough to work at a nature preserve that has temporary or seasonal wetlands. During 2020, we had one of the wettest springs in memory with 8 inches of rain in April and then 2 large rain events in May, after another 6 inches of rain earlier in the month. I don't know the amount of water we were holding at the preserve, but we had a large deluge on Memorial Day weekend, which caused flooding in the streets, as well as in my basement (which flooded the spring before as well.) I can't imagine what the neighborhood around the preserve would've looked like had this natural area not been there providing this very important service. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: m_roeger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Roeger
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 4:15:35 PM

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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: lark.valente@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lark Valente
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Lark Valente, and I'm a new resident to the city of Indianapolis. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Having recently moved to the area, I'm shocked at the current hazardous waste procedures in the city of Indianapolis. My housing decision was based in part on hazardous sites, but I know that not everyone has the financial ability to make the choice I did - paying a higher rent to live in an area with less health hazards due to waste. It's terrible that it's a decision I had to make for my health, and which is now cutting deep into my pocketbook.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced. We need to strengthen the way we treat hazardous waste, and that means tightening our legislation on health hazards.

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Sincerely,
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From: terri.habig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terri Habig
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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From: swickizer09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samantha Wickizer
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From: swickizer09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Samantha Wickizer
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: jlewisclrktnwgov@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JOAN M. LEWIS
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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OPEN BURNING POLLUTS THE AIR. EVEN PEOPLE WITH COPD SUFFER FROM AIR POLLUTION. I LIVE IN A WOODED AREA, BUT WHEN PEOPLE LIVING NEXT DOOR BURN THEIR MASSIVE FIREPITS, IT AFFECTS MY /COPD. I NEVER SMOKED CIGARETTES, BUT ENDED UP WITH COPD JUST FROM THE IMPURE AIR.

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From: links_lover@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arianna Grazzianni
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 10:19:17 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: links_lover@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arianna Grazzianni
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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My family has been impacted with higher energy bills due to running the AC more at night. Despite using repellents, I have been infected with a new strain of Lyme disease 3 out of the last 4 years. My home has doubled in value in the last 7 years, but my homeowners insurance (and I shop around every year), has tripled in that same time, despite my never filing a claim. The costs of doing nothing are too high. We must acknowledge the problems, their causes, and do what we can at every level of government to reduce the impact.

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From: jhfisher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Fisher
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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I worked as an environmental engineer at a large facility in Warsaw, Indiana for about 10 years. I know that the storm water regulations were not difficult to meet and entirely appropriate. The main reason for these regulations is to protect the waters of the state from garbage and industrial waste piles. These need to be eliminated, not ignored.

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From: links_lover@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arianna Grazzianni
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 10:08:03 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. We need renewable energy, but this is not the answer! We don't need more hazardous waste created that we have to dispose of. We have other alternatives that make so much more sense. The potential dangers of nuclear facilities are not worth the cost. That money is much better used in other proven technologies to produce energy cleanly and efficiently.

Please protect our environment and our wallets. Do not give in to pressure from the utility bullies that want to rip us off with their dangerous and expensive experiments.

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From: links_lover@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arianna Grazzianni
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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We have a very bad rating for air quality in Indiana. Please help us to improve it in any way possible.

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From: links_lover@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arianna Grazzianni
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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I suffer from asthma and heart issues after living for 20 years on a lake that was not adequately protected from hazardous waste. It breaks my heart to think that we will not protect the next generation. Please do your part in making us all safe.

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I am an avid outdoors person. It is shameful and frightening how much wildlife, both in numbers and diversity, we lose each year due to loss of wetlands. Indiana does little more than token attempts at preserving endangered species like the whooping crane. Lawmakers are often duped or otherwise persuaded by lobbyists for manufacturing concerns and allow them to go too far in the damage they cause to our environment. Please don't be duped into thinking this is a small matter. It's not.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: mmterrill98@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miranda Terrill
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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From: mmterill98@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miranda Terrill
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Monday, June 16, 2025 6:14:21 AM

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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: mmterill98@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Miranda Terrill
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: ndcamp2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Campbell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 11:53:42 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: bentsafi101@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Safi Bent
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Sincerely,
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From: bentsafi101@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Safi Bent
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:49:26 PM

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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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From: bentsafi101@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Safi Bent
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 8:49:07 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: fallsda53@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Falls
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 5:52:17 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I - as a 72-year old Hoosier, who has lived two-thirds of my adulthood in Indiana (Wayne and Marion Counties) - am writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. Hoosiers, in my opinion, are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is a lack of environmental protections that harms our health, wealth, and community well-being.

I am concerned especially that EO 25-38 may cause protections of critical wetlands to be weakened. Wetlands, as you know, are essential for replenishing aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. I am deeply distressed that our state has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and that, in recent years, the legislature has reduced protection for the few wetlands that remain. We must, I believe, increase protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) - not further decrease them - regardless of what federal rules require.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: gary.hogle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Hogle
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 3:11:04 PM

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From: gary.hogle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Hogle
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: gary.hogle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gary Hogle
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 3:09:55 PM

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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: betsy_kachmar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of betsy kachmar
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I opposed the bill that would allow utilities to pass along the cost of developing unproven SMR's to ratepayers.

I'm now writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: betsy_kachmar@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of betsy kachmar
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

It's government's job to collect/analyze data & plan for our future.

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From: evearley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eve Earley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 12:15:04 PM

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If there is heavy rain, we sometimes get water in our basement.
We live near the White River and pay about \$1000/year in flood insurance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: rosenflowers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Rose
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 7:26:56 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

The social and environmental cost of greenhouse gas emissions should be central to policy making and enforcement in Indiana. Greenhouse gas emissions are driving climate change. As a gardener, locavore and bird enthusiast in Delaware County, the changing climate is creating numerous challenges for me. A changing climate is intensifying rain events and altering the synchronization of pollinators and bloom time for my fruit trees and vegetables, and the food availability for breeding birds. These conditions are magnified for commercial agriculture.

We must face the challenges that a changing climate has on the health of our environment, society, and economy. We must create climate action plans that will target sources of greenhouse gas emissions for reduction measures while helping us plan to endure the changes and disastrous events that lie ahead.

In regards to Executive Order 25-49, I urge IDEM to maintain and to extend its climate planning. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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From: rosenflowers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Rose
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 7:10:04 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Improving air quality should be a priority in Indiana. Open burning of wastes and fuels should be eliminated in Indiana. Near my rural home, neighbors burn mattresses and plastic containers which generate dioxins and particulate matter, and farmers fell trees/shrubs and burn them. These air pollutants not only trigger asthma that stifles my ability to breathe, but also generate persistent environmental pollutants (POPs) that remain in the environment for extended periods and accumulate in the food chain. Furthermore, open burning contributes to carbon dioxide emissions that contribute to a changing climate.

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 6:54:51 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

In regard to Executive Order 25-38, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste further. Far too many Hoosiers are exposed to toxic substances from industrial and business negligence or greed. Eliminating hazardous waste generation should be the priority of the state not reducing regulations on industry and businesses that generate this waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste generation must be REDUCED, and the collection and disposition (329 IAC 3.1) of hazardous waste should be improved, not reduced.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. I urge you to increase or enhance policies and enforcement of hazardous waste policies in our state.

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From: rosenflowers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Rose
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 6:44:04 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

In regards to Executive Order 25-38, I urge you to increase protections for Indiana wetlands. As a rural land owner and lifelong conservationist, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging my drinking water and aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Environmental protections do not overly burden Hoosiers; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: ndcamp2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Campbell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: ndcamp2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Campbell
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: ndcamp2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nancy Campbell
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: swfreckles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stacy Stocker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:57:59 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: bc11235@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Cummings
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50.

We all want a reliable source of electricity, but coal is an unnecessarily dirty way to get that. It seems clear to me that the economics of coal are not good, either, when I see that very few utility companies have built coal plants in the last decade, none at all here in Indiana. When I worked in the electric power industry I noted that the cars parked near coal-fired plants had pitted roofs, the damage coming from the power-plant exhaust. Transitioning away from coal seems well justified both economically and environmentally, so I support your efforts to do so.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: bc11235@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Cummings
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49.

Regardless of whether you believe that humans are causing climate change or not, climate is and always has been changing. It seems smart to me for the state government to look ahead by studying climatic trends and having contingency plans in place to respond to those changes. This doesn't have to be a burden to businesses, just a strategy ready to enact as change occurs rather than reacting at the last minute with no well studied plan.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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From: wildemann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wildemann
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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In my lifetime, due to the warning climate, air conditioning has gone from a luxury to a necessity. Whole house fans, common 50 years ago, were used to cool homes at night but are no longer effective due to higher night time temperatures. Heavy rains, flooding, and severe storms are more common. Trees and flowers are blooming earlier. Yet, due to increased temperature swings, it is more common for a late spring freeze and/or frost that negatively affects apple orchards. More and more farmers rely on irrigation to get through increased dry spells. Our climate is changing and Indiana and local municipalities need to address these changes and adapt. That is why we need a climate plan.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: bc11235@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Cummings
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 9:45:14 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I ask that you do all you can to protect wetlands of good ecological value. I have spent the last quarter century working to preserve and improve the cleanliness and health of native species in a wetland that I own in East Central Indiana. The clean water supports a thriving community of plants and animals that live in this wetland. Just downstream is a reservoir that serves as recreational and drinking water, where purity is important for the health of the people who live in the area. I am convinced that this type of wetland management is in the best interest of the people, plants, and animals living there, and I ask that you extend these benefits to wetlands across the state. Recognizing that sometimes a wetland is simply a low spot in a field being considered for construction of a building, I support the idea of allowing building on areas of low ecological value as determined by ecological experts with associated mitigation in terms of a pond or marsh of high ecological value being placed in adjacent territory. In my view businesses and nature both get to thrive in such an arrangement. Thanks for considering my position.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: wildemann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wildemann
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Many Hoosiers have suffered health issues from coal-fire power plant pollution. While I currently do not have any personal health issues, I am speaking out for those who do. Coal is a significant source of air pollution and reducing current protections is a step in the wrong direction for all Hoosiers.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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From: wildemann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wildemann
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: wildemann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wildemann
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 9:19:40 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: wildemann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wildemann
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Columbus, like most other areas in the state, has had many hazardous waste sites. From PCBs improperly disposed of in our old municipal landfill, the Tri-State Plating superfund site, the Garden City ground water solvent plume, and recently PFAS in water from one well tested so high that the well was taken out of service. There are several other hazardous waste site in and around Columbus. Indiana needs to be working to reduce our exposure to hazardous waste, not reducing regulations.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: wildemann@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wildemann
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 8:52:42 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are a vital part of Indiana's natural landscape. We have lost so many over the last 200 years that we need to protect what remain. Not only do we lose vital wildlife habitat, it can also create other issues. Just north of Columbus is a housing subdivision, Armuth Acres, created many, many years ago on wetland that continues to have flooding issues during heavy rains.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: mjlewis13647@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michele Lewis
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Sincerely,
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From: jeta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Theresa Austgen
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48 – Nuclear Energy Development in Indiana

I am writing to express my concern regarding Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular reactors (SMRs) in Indiana. While energy innovation is important, I am deeply concerned about the environmental and economic implications of pursuing nuclear technology in our state.

In addition to the financial risks, SMRs raise substantial environmental concerns. The siting of these reactors and the long-term storage of nuclear waste carry serious consequences for public health and the surrounding environment.

I own a home in Carmel, Indiana, and work hard to live in an environmentally responsible way. I landscape with native plants, drive fuel-efficient vehicles and limit unnecessary trips, eat locally or from my own garden, compost, recycle, and try to reduce my overall footprint. I worry that these small but meaningful efforts could be undermined by the introduction of nuclear reactors and the long-term environmental burdens they bring.

If the state proceeds with nuclear development, I urge the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to use its full authority to ensure the strongest possible protections for human health and our environment.

Thank you for considering this comment. I hope IDEM will act in the public's best interest by prioritizing safety, transparency, and environmental stewardship in all matters related to Executive Order 25-48.

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From: hof066@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jane Wackowski
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Sincerely,
J. Wackowski

Sincerely,
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From: hof066@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jane Wackowski
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: mssmith317@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marietta Smith
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

ANYTHING THAT IS PERMANENTLY TOTALLY DEADLY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. UNTIL IT IS KNOWN HOW TO DECONTAMINATE NUCLEAR FUEL COMPLETELY SO THAT IT CAN BE ELIMINATED OR REUSED etc. IT SHOULD NOT BE CREATED!!!

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Sincerely,

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From: jessica.frank27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Frank
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Hello,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. Every year we see an increase in the severity and frequency of climate related issues across the country, not excluding Indiana. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

By forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere. Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events.

These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

I live in an apartment and with the increase in heavy rain, residents like me living in the lower units have experienced flooding and damage to property. My family has a house along the St. Joe river in South Bend and they have also experienced more frequent flooding in their neighborhood that sometimes even leads to road closures and damage. We need a plan in place to have effective infrastructure as the changing climate stresses our current infrastructure and systems.

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Sincerely,
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From: long.pat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pat long
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Public comment on Executive Order 25-50: I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution — their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The PROTECTIONS currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal MUST AT LEAST BE MAINTAINED...or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: long.pat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pat long
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 1:04:40 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Public comment on Executive Order 25-49. I and others believe this EO would place undue economic and health burdens on Hoosiers.

I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan.

Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security.

I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, GOVERNOR BRAUM IS REFUSING TO ACKNOWLEDGE the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes NEGATIVELY IMPACT our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: long.pat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pat long
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 1:00:28 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Public comment on Executive Order 25-48: authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing MASSIVE INCREASES in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting — even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed. Of further concern is that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental impacts.

If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to MAXIMIZE PROTECTION of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: long.pat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pat long
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 12:56:19 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Public comment on Executive Order 25-38: I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems.

Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: long.pat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pat long
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 12:54:50 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Public comment on Executive Order 25-38: I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma.

Asthma is very common in Indiana, affecting more than half a million children and adults.

Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should MAINTAIN PROTECTIONS from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: long.pat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pat long
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 12:52:41 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Public comment on Executive Order 25-38: I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife.

Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than 1 MILLION TONS of hazardous waste PER YEAR.

Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state.

Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: long.pat@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pat long
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 12:50:22 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the LACK of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: mark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Demerly
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 12:49:35 PM

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: mark@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mark Demerly
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 12:48:04 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: JBIRD55JONES@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JENNIFER JONES
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 12:16:29 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

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Sincerely,
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From: JBIRD55JONES@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JENNIFER JONES
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: stevens.tammy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tammy Stevens
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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We are however, over burdened with commercial greed, and a lack of respect for our natural environment. It is important to me that the natural environment be protected much more so than lowering obstacles for commercial development and profit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: jlvelasquez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Velasquez
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:47:47 AM

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From: hohmantr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Hohman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:46:56 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I think it is important to let private industry make the decisions on when to close coal burning power plants. Let them make the most economically beneficial decisions. Forcing them to keep out of date and inefficient plants open is not what Indiana state government should be doing.

Sincerely,
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From: jlvelasquez@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Velasquez
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:46:37 AM

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From: scurtiskellogg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shannon Kellogg
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:45:12 AM

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:44:55 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49. Climate change is undoubtedly the most important issue facing humanity today. While there is political disagreement on the cause, there is almost no disagreement that it is happening. To refuse to let agencies plan for these changes is lunacy.

Sincerely,
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From: fischman.robtt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Fischman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:27:53 AM

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From: fischman.robtt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of robert fischman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:26:54 AM

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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

I understand that some people do not support using cost-benefit balancing to consider the optimal levels of pollution. But, if the state will employ cost-benefit balancing, it should not be putting its fingers on the scale. In other words, either perform cost-benefit balancing using best practices and taking into account all costs, or don't do it at all.

Excluding the real climate impacts from fossil fuel combustion and methane emissions associated with fossil gas would rig cost benefit analysis to pick winners and losers, something most Hoosiers and Hoosier politicians oppose.

Sincerely,
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From: fischman.robtt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Fischman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:23:05 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source mortality and morbidity in Indiana. We should be moving as quickly as possible from coal-fired plants. I support replacing the coal combustion facilities, on site, with nuclear reactors. That is the least expensive way to maintain Indiana's power supply while reducing deaths and health impairment from coal combustion.

While existing natural gas power sources should remain until our nuclear fleet are in place, we should not be building more fossil fuel combustion facilities because of the pollution they cause and the consequent public health impairments.

Sincerely,
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From: fischman.robtt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Fischman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:18:24 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state.

I think Indiana should be investing heavily to increase its non-carbon energy sources. Nuclear is proven safe and effective in generating utility-scale power with minimum pollution. I support converting all our dinosaur coal-fired power plants to nuclear plants. That will allow us to use existing transmission lines and seamlessly replace a dirty, public-health menace with clean energy. Hoosiers will benefit.

I believe the small modular reactors are not yet proven to be cost effective. But I do think, especially with Purdue's strength in nuclear engineering, that Indiana should establish incentives to be a center for demonstration and deployment of modular reactors.

Please shift our existing tax and liability subsidies for fossil fuels to nuclear power development!

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From: paigesm1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paige Johnson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Sincerely,
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From: paigesm1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paige Johnson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:25:58 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: paigesm1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paige Johnson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: the_erbeles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Erbele
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. Furthermore, it is my opinion that mankind always screws up nature and cannot be trusted to do the right thing. Please improve ALL protections for waterways, soil, air and animals. Human life survives because of our natural resources. We must pledge our allegiance to our Earth.

Sincerely,
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From: ddbarj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dee Johnson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:16:28 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Here in Johnson County we have experienced flooding in areas never before flooded due to poor planning and development. Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: ddbarj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dee Johnson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:15:01 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

We live in Johnson County and have experienced the child cancer effects in both Franklin and Martinsville due to unregulated chemical waste. Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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Sincerely,
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From: mandynurse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Moon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:04:07 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

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Sincerely,
Ms Amanda Moon
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From: mandynurse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Moon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:03:33 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: mandynurse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Moon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:02:41 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: mandynurse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Moon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:02:03 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: mandynurse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Moon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:01:57 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: mandynurse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Moon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:00:49 AM

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I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: mandynurse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Moon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:00:10 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: StephanieQuinto@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Quinto
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 9:58:57 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a third generation Hoosier, I am very concerned and I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

We all know not to swim or eat fish from White River because of industrial water runoff! This is a horrible thing to have to tell our children.... "You can't play in the water" because it's dirty. We need to do better!!!

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Stephanie Quinto
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StephanieQuinto@gmail.com

From: StephanieQuinto@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Quinto
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 9:54:10 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a third generation Hoosier, currently living in Hamilton County,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

As a family that spends time hiking in our State parks and green spaces, I am concerned about the diminishing wildlife. The shrinking of green spaces and parks. And the diminishing health of Hoosiers. I believe they are related. I am asking you to please protect our wetlands and green spaces - keep the protections in place!

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stephanie Quinto
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From: Deborah Dodson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Indiana EO 25-38
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 9:31:24 AM

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This is Deborah and Jim Dodson, retired Biology professors Vincennes's University. We are wary of sacrificing our already challenged environment by disregarding safe guards that are in place to protect our health. Compared to other states Indiana has a poor reputation for environmental cleanliness. While we do not support nuclear reactors, the ban on natural gas needs to be lifted to allow the public to choose gas for new construction homes. Studies have shown that natural areas not only support wildlife but promote mental health. We can't keep diverting water in the name of "progress". We must carefully analyze the waste component of our commercial activity. While certain factions enrich their personal wealth, the rest of us will pay the price in clean-up, cancer treatments or respiratory issues. Let's think this through!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: ninaklooster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nina Klooster
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
Ms Nina Klooster
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From: ninaklooster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nina Klooster
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 8:59:45 AM

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Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

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From: koke.john@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Koke
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Saturday, June 14, 2025 8:05:02 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

It is very sad that people don't understand the tremendous value of wetlands. They are not useless plots of soggy land being wasted sitting idle. Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr John Koke
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From: b4789w.ihrer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Ihrer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 8:56:51 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
William Ihrer
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From: b4789w.ihrer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Ihrer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 8:55:31 PM

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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Sincerely,
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From: b4789w.ihrer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Ihrer
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: billhaaf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of william haaf
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 2:44:15 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

I am a retired scientist who has closely followed climate science and coming impacts for 20 yrs. i am alarmed for the safety of all our children and grand children. You must take action to protect all our children. do not make stupid decisions- talk to a scientist.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: thommaher7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thom Maher
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: rlenglum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rita Englum
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: julie.peller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Peller
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 10:23:26 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads, into public waterways or other media, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating drinking water sources, soil, air and aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. It is imperative that Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites protect the environment and public health to ensure pollutants such as heavy metals and toxic organics are not emitted into the environment.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; on the contrary, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community well-being.

Sincerely,
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From: julie.peller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Peller
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. I am very concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

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From: julie.peller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Peller
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 10:11:47 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. I am very concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to further weaken Hoosiers' protections from hazardous waste. I work with people who live near hazardous waste areas and firmly believe their health and well-being have been affected by these dumps.

Hazardous waste must be handled and disposed of in a manner that protects the public and wildlife. Indiana has more than 9,000 hazardous waste sites and manages more than one million tons of hazardous waste per year. Federal law sets basic protections, but Indiana needs protections suited to our state. If the state government is truly concerned about Indiana residents, Indiana's hazardous waste protections (329 IAC 3.1) must be maintained or improved, not reduced.

The current political messaging is suggesting that environmental protections are burdensome to Hoosiers. This is false and even defies the term "environmental protections." In fact, the state has never adopted this term for its agency, only a term that functions to serve special interests. The lack of environmental protections places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing, in addition to the environment. I urge the state to strengthen environmental protections, not weaken them.

Sincerely,
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From: julie.peller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Julie Peller
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 10:06:53 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollbacks of wetland protections in Indiana. As an environmental scientist, I recognize this as another effort to reduce crucial environment protections that will harm current and future generations.

Wetlands play many critical roles for the land, water and air. They recharge aquifers, store water, reduce floods, purify water, and provide habitat for many species, including Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Tragically, the state has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature recently reduced protections for the few that remain. Given the importance and the many services of the wetlands, Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of federal rules.

It is unfortunate that political messaging suggests that Hoosiers are overly burdened by environmental protections; we are not burdened by protections. On the contrary, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing. We need to recognize that in reducing environmental protections, we are creating a fragile and polluted environment for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: yriffil@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yvonne Riffil
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Sincerely,
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From: yriffil@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yvonne Riffil
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: yriffil@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Yvonne Riffil
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Sincerely,
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From: adamo63@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Adam Crowe
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:53:55 PM

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Sincerely,
Mr. Adam Crowe
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From: downlin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Downer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:01:12 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

I have been a birder for 50 years. The degradation of our wetlands has helped cause the reduction in numbers of the species. It has become especially evident in the past 25 years. Indiana needs to make it a priority to protect these species natural environment.

Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: downlin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Downer
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 7:55:09 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: chapman_ej@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elma Chapman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: becky@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becky Reimbold
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 4:51:50 PM

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Communities near coal fired plants experience higher levels of asthma and lung cancer. We need to protect our people now.

Sincerely,
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From: becky@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becky Reimbold
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 4:50:23 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Our family is definitely using a lot more air conditioning at night than when we moved into this house 25 years ago. Our home owners insurance premiums keep rising. These kinds of issues are increasing and we need to protections today and for future generations.

Sincerely,
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From: becky@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becky Reimbold
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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Removing environmental protections is only good in the short run. We need to protect future generations and not take any shortcuts.

Sincerely,
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From: mnomolos@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Solomon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:47:01 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I write to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. This EO will almost surely be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

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Sincerely,
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From: mnomolos@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Solomon
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:45:43 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

The reality of climate change is readily apparent. I write to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49. That EO places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. It will almost surely be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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Sincerely,
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From: kcloster24@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn Closter
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 3:32:03 PM

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Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health. It is not the time to legislate life extensions for coal energy. It is time to increase clean energy generation through expansion of support for wind and solar energy.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Sincerely,
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From: dianespofford@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Spofford
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 2:19:36 PM

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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

When we consider the cost of health-related issues for all, a priority must be solid limits on stormwater runoff.

Thank you,
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Sincerely,
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From: dianespofford@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Spofford
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

Hoosiers are not overly burdened by environmental protections; rather, it is the lack of environmental protections that places a true burden on our health, wealth, and community wellbeing.

Not just the poor air quality but the hazards to life period need to be of most importance in not allowing open burning.

Thank you for considering an end to poor decision-making.

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From: dianespofford@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diane Spofford
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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This is about our younger generations' futures.

Thank you for your attention on this great concern.

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Your children and their children deserve a future that is a healthy one.
Please protect our wetlands.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to a constituent,
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From: indy.gail@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gail Edwards
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From: christybsco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christina Scofield
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Just because a wetland is 'quiet' doesn't mean it can be ignored or misused. We do this at our peril.

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From: foxellen731@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Fox
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:22:44 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers. I am concerned that EO-49 may be used to eliminate the work IDEM has done on a climate plan. Having a plan for reducing emissions and for preparing for the changing climate is beneficial for Hoosiers' health and economic security. I urge IDEM to maintain and to further its climate planning.

Moreover, by forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: mcannaley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Monica Cannaley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Monica Cannaley and I live in Westfield, Indiana. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-50 may be used to reduce air and water protections in Indiana.

Coal-fired power plants are a significant source of air pollution and their waste, coal ash, pollutes water. The protections currently in place for air and water pollution from burning coal must be maintained or even strengthened. Reducing protections from coal plant pollutants fails to protect Hoosiers' health.

I have spent the past 40+ years following the advances made to reduce the polluting effects of burning dirty fossil fuels to generate electricity, and scaling back those advances will be disastrous to Hoosier's health and the environment. It is past time for Indiana to embrace clean energy sources and stop the burning of dirty fossil fuels which, first of all, is obsolete technology, and secondly, only enriches monopoly utility company executives and their shareholders.

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From: foxellen731@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ellen Fox
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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I am currently active in Indiana's environmental community, helping to eradicate invasive species and plant native plant and pollinator gardens. I have seen first hand the reduction in the pollinator population and the effects on plants caused by global warming.

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From: lizajanepie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Piekarczyk
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Please don't take away our ability to enjoy our waterways and don't endanger our health and safety by allowing practices that cause flooding.

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From: lizajanepie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Piekarczyk
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:11:06 PM

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I have asthma. Nearly every day recently someone is burning near me and I have to retreat into my house and use costly air conditioning. I love being outside and resent not being able to enjoy fresh air.

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From: mcannaley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Monica Cannaley
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:09:42 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which authorizes the development of nuclear energy and small modular nuclear reactors in our state. In particular, I am concerned about the environmental impact of nuclear reactors.

Having worked in the energy efficiency field for 40+ years, I can tell you, without a doubt, that investing in small modular nuclear reactors is a total waste of taxpayer money, will only enrich monopoly utility companies, and will stall the investment in clean renewable energy.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors put Hoosier ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed, and on top of that the siting of the reactors and the waste they produce will have environmental implications. If Indiana moves ahead with adding nuclear reactors, I urge IDEM to take steps to maximize protection of Hoosiers' health and the health of our environment in any steps which involve IDEM.

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From: lizajanepie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elizabeth Piekarczyk
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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I have asthma. As our air becomes more polluted and our lands become more toxic, asthma sufferers struggle even more. Please don't take away our protections.

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From: kgbenentt94@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grace Bennett
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: arizonapaige93@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arizona Fox
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Governor Braun does not seem to understand the definition of the word Hoosier. Hoosiers are the people who live and work in Indiana and they are the ones who will be harmed by the increase in pollution. Anyone greedy enough to feel "overly burdened" by environmental regulations do not represent the interests of Hoosiers.

Sincerely,
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From: kgbennett94@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grace Bennett
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From: cjstewa2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cameron Stewart
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: tlprobasco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Probasco
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Just to make sure my comment is counted, I reside at 6163 Haverford Ave., Ipls IN 46220.

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As I've mentioned in previous comments, I am a senior citizen and have type 1 diabetes. Any lack of air quality protection is bad for all citizens, but can be particularly impactful on those of us with weakened immune systems.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tom Probasco
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From: kgbennett94@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Grace Bennett
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As a nature lover, I see the loss of plants, birds, and wildlife as wetlands are encroached upon. Please preserve these wonderful spaces for future generations .

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: arizonapaige93@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Arizona Fox
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 12:00:31 PM

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From: iwool@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ian Woollen
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:58:45 AM

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Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: tlprobasco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Probasco
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Personally, we are on a fixed income now, but our home insurance rises a lot each year now because of increased damages caused by climate change. We have historically not used a lot of home air conditioning, but just in the last three of four years, that usage has had to dramatically increase. These are just a couple things I can mention.

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From: tlprobasco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Probasco
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:41:55 AM

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Currently, there are no SMRs operating in the US and only three functioning across the globe. Hoosiers are already facing difficult economic circumstances; we should not be forced to foot the bill for this experimental technology while developers line their pockets with our hard-earned money.

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I am on a fixed income and have real concerns about being forced to pay developers' costs for bringing nuclear energy to Indiana. I also believe that the safety of nuclear energy and its development in Indiana has been nowhere near investigated enough.

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From: tlprobasco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Probasco
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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We like to kayak on the White River, the condion of which has improved, but if restrictions on industrial stormwater runoff are weakened, White River's recovery will be jeopardized, making recreational activities on the river even less safe than they are already sometimes are.

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From: tlprobasco@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Probasco
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:30:00 AM

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As I stated in a previous comment, I am a type 1 diabetic, and open-burning, which of course is harmful to all citizens, can be particularly hard on those of us with weakend immune systems.

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From: annntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Hougham
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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As a type 1 diabetic, I fear that an already hard-to-control condition will become even worse if already-weak protections are made even weaker.

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From: annntom@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Hougham
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 11:24:16 AM

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We do a lot of hikig in Indiana woods in various places, and we've known for years of the damage caused by lack of wetlands protections. Please, stop further rollback of protecting what little of wetlands in Indiana remains.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: heidiannefuqua@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Fuqua
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: pammrdd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of pam gabor
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: carolrvtl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Yager
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:32:48 AM

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From: carolrvl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Yager
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:32:42 AM

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The EPA calculates 2,846 lbs. of industrial toxins are released over every square mile in Indiana, exposing Hoosiers to more than 3 times the pollutants than the average American. The leading contributors to all this pollution is Indiana's coal-fired power plants, which release levels of arsenic, lead, and mercury into our environment known to cause stroke, cancer, heart problems, and asthma – leading, of course, to higher healthcare costs for Indiana workers and their employers. Extending the life of Indiana's coal-fired power plants, as this Executive Order aims to do, fails to protect Hoosiers' health and our pocketbooks.

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Sincerely,
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From: carolrvi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Yager
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:31:06 AM

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From: dwilder540@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Wilder
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Southern Indiana is burdened with high utility costs and unclean air quality. Coal ash ponds along the Ohio River - our source of water - have not been contained and cleaned like they should be. We need clean energy and Indiana should invest in the future. Coal plants are a burden to run and maintain and we shouldn't be paying the cost for obsolete technology.

Sincerely,
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From: dwilder540@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Wilder
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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Southern Indiana is burdened with some of the highest energy costs and unhealthiest air quality. We should have the ability to protect our health and plan for a clean energy future. Clean air and water should take priority instead of doing favors for fossil fuel companies.

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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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SMRs are still unproven technology and have wasted money in the millions where tried before. Hoosiers have high enough energy bills without this burden. No - if companies want to try this technology then the research and development should be with their own capital.

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From: esfarms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Tarallo
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: esfarms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Tarallo
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken Hoosiers' protections from industrial stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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From: esfarms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Tarallo
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: esfarms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Tarallo
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:33:21 AM

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From: sdutkevi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Dutkevitch
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:15:54 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

As a nurse, I see the effects of carbon emissions in the health of my patients, friends, family and myself. Seasonal allergies, asthma, COPD are all worse due to carbon emissions.

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Sincerely,
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From: sdutkevi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Dutkevitch
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:13:07 AM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

NO MORE COAL!!!

As a nurse and Indiana citizen, I am deeply saddened by continued measures like this ESPECIALLY for coal. We know the harms caused by the byproducts of these energy sources. We must take action to improve the health of our state and its citizens.

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From: therese.shiffler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Therese Shiffler
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Sincerely,
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From: mhartman1208@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Morgan Hartman
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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Sincerely,
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From: gourdgal40@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Lankford
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025 6:48:39 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: smerscher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sandra Setlik
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 11:12:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Sandra Setlik
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From: maryalbrecht4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Albrecht
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 10:56:42 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

My name is Mary Albrecht and I am a resident of Highland, IN. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to weaken or eliminate Hoosiers' protections from open burning. Therefore, I recommend repealing EO 25-38.

Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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Sincerely,
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As an avid outdoors sports person, as local wetlands have been drained for development, the amount of animals available is getting smaller and sometimes disappearing in my area of Northwest Indiana. This limits my ability to enjoy the outdoors.

Also, I have noticed an increase in the frequency and severity of flooding in the backyard of my house, which led twice to basement water seepage where it had not happened before. I received an estimate of approximately \$20,000 to install a sump pump system on the interior finished basement of my house that does not include the full cost of restoring finished wall areas, so the financial burden is at least \$20,000.

Here is some general information about wetlands: Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require.

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From: laurieklinger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Klinger
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Sincerely,
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From: laurieklinger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Klinger
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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From: laurieklinger@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurie Klinger
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 10:09:58 PM

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From: mbaach@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Baach
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 10:03:19 PM

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From: dmdeclue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Doug DeClue
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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I personally rely on well water. Please protect our aquifers from contamination. We do not need a costly Flint, Michigan experience in Indiana.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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I am a severe asthmatic with hyperactive airways that reacts to anything airborne. Therefore air quality is very important to me. To control my reactions, I have to drive with the car on recirculating as pulling air from the outside creates too many unexpected reactions. Smoke along roadways is a particular nuisance in that regard. Please do not reduce restrictions that will increase breathing issues for asthmatics or those with hyperactive airways such as myself.

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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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We must transition to clean energy and decrease our reliance on fossil fuels. This is essential to the future of the United States and the world.

Sincerely,
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From: cindyanddavidmuse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia Muse
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 8:13:56 PM

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From: cindyanddavidmuse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cynthia Muse
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This is even more critical for nuclear waste. Indiana is pushing to become a leader in nuclear power. This will require containment for the nuclear waste generated. Now is not the time to reduce oversight hazardous waste given this state goal.

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I grew up on a farm in SW Indiana and I witnessed firsthand the importance of weather on the growing seasons. Floods, storms and drought had severe impacts on my family's wellbeing and finances. It is irresponsible to think that a changing climate has no impact on farming productivity, economic growth and the health of Hoosiers.

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From: r.arnold@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Randy Arnold
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
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The small modular (nuclear) reactors, or SMRs, authorized by EO 25-48 put ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in Hoosiers' utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed – all while developers are paid a guaranteed rate of return.

Currently, there are no SMRs operating in the US and only three functioning across the globe. Hoosiers are already facing difficult economic circumstances; we should not be forced to foot the bill for this experimental technology while developers line their pockets with our hard-earned money.

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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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From: jan-buchanan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janine Buchanan
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To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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Think about people over money. We're more important. If Indiana can't live in the 21st century, there won't be a 22nd for anyone.

Sincerely,
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From: bongodave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Young
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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We need science, not science denial.

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From: bongodave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Young
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From: bongodave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Young
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Please learn to care about the people who live here.

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From: bongodave@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Young
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: w_mcdonald18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of bill McDonald
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Hi, I walk the small wetland near Cumberland Indiana. It's just a wonderful thing. Lack of environmental control is killing us all. I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-38. In particular, I am concerned that EO 25-38 may be used to support further rollback of wetland protections in Indiana.

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From: leanneblind@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leanne Blind-Doskocil
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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I love to walk along the shores of Lake Michigan, but the pollution caused by coal fire power plants in the area often make the air quality in the area poor. Although not directly related to this, the recent fires in Canada have greatly affected our air quality in IN, so much so, that I had to wear a mask while going outside. If we continue to promote fossil fuel use in our state, this could become the reality. Is that something we want? This already happens in other parts of the world. Please fight to keep Hoosier air clean for us to breathe! The cost of renewables has continuously been decreasing over the last couple decades and wind and solar power are now cheaper than coal! Why are we not supporting this?

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From: leanneblind@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leanne Blind-Doskocil
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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As a meteorologist, I know the devastating effects that too much carbon dioxide will have on our planet. If carbon dioxide emissions cause the temperature to rise too much, there will be extreme habitat loss, loss of species, loss of effectiveness of species (for example, cows do not produce as much milk in warm temperatures), increased intensity of hurricanes and flooding events, and other issues. Protecting our Earth will protect us.

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From: hollis2861@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Smith
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
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How can you not support this. Industrial runoff order to survive we must protect our environment! Think of the little children. What kind of environment do you think they will have if you don't stand behind environmental protections.

Sincerely,
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From: hollis2861@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: hochstetlerfam3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Hochstetler
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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From: hollis2861@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Smith
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: robin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robin Heldman
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:21:23 PM

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Open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality. This is particularly harmful for people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma is very common in Indiana affecting over half a million children and adults. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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Why would you even think of lowering protections to your constituents health. You're supposed to be for us not against us!

Sincerely,
Ms. Holly Smith
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hollis2861@yahoo.com

From: hollis2861@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:19:27 PM

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Yes we must protect the health of all creatures created by God and not just humans!

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From: hollis2861@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Smith
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:17:09 PM

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How can you even consider this-we need to protect the earth not destroy it. This is so important for all of us living in Indiana and for future generations. Don't take earth away from any of us!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: jgraversonflores@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Flores
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:07:29 PM

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Stormwater runoff from industrial sites carries hazardous materials onto roads or into public waterways, putting Hoosiers at risk by contaminating our drinking water sources, our soil, and our aquatic ecosystems. Federal law leaves it up to the states to set limits on industrial run-off, and Indiana is currently in the process of finalizing those limits. Indiana's limits on stormwater run-off from industrial sites must be protective of the public.

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Sincerely,
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From: jgraversonflores@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Flores
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
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We all share the air, and open burning creates localized areas of poor air quality that infringe on the rights of people with lung conditions, like asthma. Asthma affects over half a million children and adults in our state. Protection from open burning does not exist in federal regulations, therefore Indiana should maintain protections from open burning (326 IAC 4), not reduce them.

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From: jgraversonflores@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Flores
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: jgraversonflores@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Flores
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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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Wetlands are crucial for recharging aquifers, storing water for the dry season, slowing floods, purifying water, and providing habitat for many of Indiana's threatened and endangered species. Yet, Indiana has already destroyed more than 90% of its original wetlands and the legislature has reduced protection for the few that remain in recent years. Indiana's protection for wetlands (IC 13-18-22) should be increased, not decreased, regardless of what federal rules require. Let's craft our state legislation around Hoosier needs and values, not Washington's.

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Please stop prioritizing industry and monetary wealth over our rich and valuable natural resources that are unique to Indiana.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: heidinoel05@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Gibson
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Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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From: heidinoel05@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Gibson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Open Burning
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:58:51 PM

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Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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I myself enjoy the wetlands near my home for their natural beauty and native wildlife. I want to see these spaces protected.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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From: heidinoel05@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heidi Gibson
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: jbmowry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Mowry
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:54:40 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-50, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers.

The EPA calculates 2,846 lbs. of industrial toxins are released over every square mile in Indiana, exposing Hoosiers to more than 3 times the pollutants than the average American. The leading contributors to all this pollution is Indiana's coal-fired power plants, which release levels of arsenic, lead, and mercury into our environment known to cause stroke, cancer, heart problems, and asthma – leading, of course, to higher healthcare costs for Indiana workers and their employers. Extending the life of Indiana's coal-fired power plants, as this Executive Order aims to do, fails to protect Hoosiers' health and our pocketbooks.

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As a resident of Boone County, we know that Indiana's energy producing companies are proactively retiring old inefficient coal-fired plants and replacing them with natural gas, solar and wind technologies for health and economic reasons.

Sincerely,
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From: brubibrubi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pat Brubaker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-50: Life Extensions for Coal Energy Generation & Assessing Natural Gas Supplies
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From: brubibrubi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pat Brubaker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Wetlands
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From: brubibrubi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pat Brubaker
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:52:28 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-49, which places undue economic and health burdens on everyday Hoosiers.

By forbidding state agencies from considering the social cost of carbon (SCC) in policymaking, Governor Braun is effectively refusing to acknowledge the economic damages that result from every additional ton of carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

Residents of Indiana don't have the luxury of refusing to see the economic burdens CO2 emissions place on us. Independent researchers at Climate Central report that our state is already experiencing multiple climate-related changes, including: warmer nighttime temperatures, later arrival of the first "hard freeze" each year, increased annual rainfall, and an increase in the frequency and severity of heavy rainfall events. These changes negatively impact our energy bills, the productivity and profitability of our farms, the risks to human and animal health from tick- and mosquito-borne illnesses, and premiums for homeowners', flood, and farm insurance.

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From: aclappit@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alisa Clapp-Itnyre
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-49: Social Cost of Carbon
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:47:20 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

Please fight climate change by opposing EO 25-49! I know Gov. Braun to care about climate change and the environment, so this EO makes no sense for many reasons:

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Please fight climate change for all Hoosiers,

Sincerely,
Dr. Alisa Clapp-Itnyre
Richmond, IN

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From: jbmowry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Mowry
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-48: Nuclear Energy and Small Modular Reactors
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:46:50 PM

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Dear IDEM Representatives,

I'm writing to offer a public comment on Executive Order 25-48, which places undue economic burdens on everyday Hoosiers.

The small modular (nuclear) reactors, or SMRs, authorized by EO 25-48 put ratepayers at risk of seeing massive increases in Hoosiers' utility bills, thanks to recent laws allowing utilities to charge ratepayers for SMR planning, design, and permitting, even if a project is delayed, goes over budget, or is never completed – all while developers are paid a guaranteed rate of return.

Currently, there are no SMRs operating in the US and only three functioning across the globe. Hoosiers are already facing difficult economic circumstances; we should not be forced to foot the bill for this experimental technology while developers line their pockets with our hard-earned money.

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I am writing this as a constituent living in Lebanon, Indiana.

Sincerely,
James Mowry
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From: jbmowry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Mowry
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Executive Order 25-38: Wetland Protections
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As a resident of Lebanon in Boone County, we know all too well the loss of wetlands on our increasingly fragile water supply.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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From: 711Reggie@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Reggie Korthals
To: [IDEM Efficiency](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Executive Order 25-38: Stormwater Permitting
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Sincerely,
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From: 1mann.richard@gmail.com <1mann.richard@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 12:22 PM

To: Frownfelter, Karla <KFrownfe@idem.IN.gov>

Subject: RE: Voice Mail (33 seconds)

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Thank You for allowing me to comment on support for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Indiana should continue to keep strong standards for industry and government to follow. The protection of our rivers, streams, soil, and air quality is very important; and should continue. My travel has taken me to New Orleans, we should not allow polluting to be allowed. It is very sad that you cannot swim or fish in the Mississippi River and that the river has a dead zone for a hundred miles out from the mouth of the Mississippi River. Keep Indiana clean, and maintain high standards, thank you.

Sincerely, Richard Mann
