The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) proposes to issue the NPDES General Permit for Onsite Residential Sewage Discharging Disposal Systems (in Allen County) with a new format. This administrative NPDES general permit will supersede and replace the requirements for these discharges which are currently regulated under 327 IAC 15-14. Since that rule will be repealed when this permit is issued, this new NPDES general permit is named “ING410000”.

Only residences existing within the boundaries of Allen County, Indiana are eligible to obtain coverage under this NPDES general permit. These residences must have systems which meet the requirements of IC 13-18-12-9 (c) and the Allen County Onsite Wastewater Management District.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the draft NPDES general permit. Any request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and shall include: the name and address of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request and the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing. The department will determine whether to hold a public hearing based upon the comments and the rationale for the request(s). IDEM is hosting a public information session which will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in Room 035, Citizens Square, 200 E Berry Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

All written comments received during the official Public Notice comment period will be considered in the formulation of the final NPDES general permit. IDEM is also gathering email addresses of any persons or organizations who want to receive future notifications regarding agency actions relating to this NPDES general permit.

The draft NPDES general permit and related documents are posted on IDEM’s web site at http://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/2480.htm. The draft NPDES general permit is available for review at the IDEM Central Office, Indiana Government Center North, Room 1255, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., M - F, excluding state holidays (copies 10¢ per page). Copies of the draft permit documents are also available at the local health department. The documents are also available via email request. Please tell others whom you think would be interested in this matter. See these sites for information concerning your rights and responsibilities: http://www.IN.gov/idem/5474.htm and http://www.IN.gov/idem.5903.htm.

All comments or requests must be postmarked, emailed, or hand-delivered by no later than September 7, 2018. Please reference Draft NPDES General Permit ING410000 in the subject line.

Please address all correspondence to:
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Please direct any comments submitted by email to: owqwwper@idem.in.gov. Questions concerning the draft NPDES general permit ING410000 may be directed to Catherine Hess at (317) 232-8704 or via email at chess@idem.in.gov.

Notice of Final Permit Determination: IDEM will provide notice of the final determination on this NPDES general permit to all persons who submit written comments or who submit a written request for notification to owqwwper@idem.in.gov.