The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) proposes to issue a new NPDES General Permit for Petroleum Products Terminals with discharges to surface waters of the state. “Petroleum products terminals” means an area where petroleum products are supplied by pipeline or barge; and where petroleum products are stored in above-ground tanks, or are transferred to trucks for transport to other locations, or both. The purpose of this permit is to establish requirements for discharges from these facilities of specific point sources which are described below. The NPDES general permit will supersede and replace the requirements for these discharges which are currently outlined in Article 15 of Title 327 of the Indiana Administrative Code.

Applicability: This NPDES general permit shall be applicable to all persons operating petroleum products terminals within the boundary of Indiana that discharge, and who seek general permit coverage for, any or all of the following types of discharges:

1) hydrostatic test waters from storage tanks and on-site pipelines which have been used for the storage and/or transfer or conveyance of crude oil or liquid petroleum hydrocarbons;

2) discharges of stormwater runoff specifically from the diked containment areas of these storage tanks; and

3) discharges of tank bottom water from these storage tanks. However, this permit does not authorize the discharge of any accumulated solids or sludges from the tank bottoms. The permittee is required to properly remove and dispose of such solids in accordance with 327 IAC 5-5-2.

The permit shall be applicable to all petroleum products terminal dischargers meeting this description, with the exception of the following:

1) discharges to a receiving stream when the discharge results in an increase in the ambient concentration of a pollutant which contributes to the impairment of the receiving stream for that pollutant as identified on the current 303(d) list of impaired waters;

2) discharges containing water treatment additives which have not received prior written approval from IDEM for the specific additive, use, and dosage at the particular facility for which the Notice of Intent (NOI) is submitted; and
3) storm water discharges associated with construction activity.

Each general permit contains specific eligibility requirements. Ineligible discharges will require an individual NPDES permit or an alternate general permit (if available). Only facilities existing within the boundary of Indiana may obtain NPDES general permit coverage.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the draft NPDES general permit. All comments or requests should be sent to: IDEM Office of Water Quality, Attn: General NPDES Permits, IGCN Room 1255, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251 and must be received by IDEM no later than February 6, 2015. 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. All written comments received during the Public Notice period will be considered in the formulation of the final NPDES general permit. Please direct any comments submitted by email to: owqwwper@idem.in.gov.

Additional Information: The draft NPDES general permit and related documents are posted on IDEM’s web site at http://www.in.gov/idem/5338.htm. The draft NPDES general permit documents are 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 departments and at IDEM’s Regional Offices. 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.

Questions may be directed to any of the following IDEM staff: C. Anne Burget at (317) 234-8745, Sheri Jordan at (317) 232-8703, or Catherine Hess at (317) 232-8704. Please send any email inquiries to owqwwper@idem.in.gov.

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