Background

- On May 8, 2019, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) entered an agreed order (AO) (VFC #82770299) with Tanners Creek Development LLC (Tanners). The purpose of this agreed order is to resolve alleged open dumping violations at two unpermitted waste disposal areas located on Tanners' property near Gibbco, Inc.'s former facility at 901 AEP Drive, Lawrenceburg. The two areas consist of Area 1 (Unit 4 Slag Pond) and Area 2 (Bottom Ash Processing Area). Area 1 is located south of AEP Drive (also known as AEP Street) adjacent to the Ohio River, and Area 2 is located northeast of Area 1 on the north side of AEP Drive.
- In accordance with the AO, Tanners submitted closure/post-closure plans for Areas 1 and 2 on August 5, 2019 (VFC #82826031), and additional information on January 31, 2020 (VFC #82914153) and August 5, 2020 (VFC #83020967).
- The closure includes approximately two acres of Area 1, and 17 acres of Area 2. Area 1 will be closed by removal. Waste will be removed from Area 1, and the removed ash will be consolidated within Area 2. Area 2 will be closed in-place. After closure, Area 2 will be subject to post-closure requirements.

IDEM's Role

- IDEM is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental operations vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM’s Office of Land Quality is responsible for reviewing closure/post-closure plans for unpermitted waste disposal areas. Engineers and geologists evaluate design drawings and operating plans to ensure they meet or exceed the rule requirements before granting an approval or modifications to an approval.
- In addition to issuing approvals that comply with federal and state environmental regulations designed to protect public health and the environment, IDEM is also responsible for overseeing permitted activities and monitoring compliance at permitted facilities.
- IDEM will ensure all submitted materials related to the surface impoundment closure plan are publicly available through IDEM’s Virtual File Cabinet (VFC).

Citizen's Role

- You can review the application and related correspondence online at IDEM’s VFC web site using the following steps:
  - Go to http://vfc.idem.IN.gov/, which is the VFC’s “Document Search” page.
  - Once there, click on the Alternate Field dropdown menu.
  - Select SW Program ID.
  - Enter the SW Program ID, 15-UP-007, in the ID # box to the right of the Alternate Field menu.
  - Click the I'm not a robot checkbox and wait until a green checkmark appears.
  - Click the Search button, which produces one or more links to the documents for this facility.
  - To find and review the permit decision, click the highlighted numbers in the Doc # column to view individual documents.
  - Click on the x out of y Pages dropdown menu to view additional pages with document links.
• Comments may be addressed to John Hale, the Solid Waste Permit Manager assigned to this facility, at the following address:

  John Hale, Permit Manager  
  Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
  Office of Land Quality  
  Solid Waste Permits  
  IGCN 1101  
  100 North Senate Avenue  
  Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

However, due to the limitations that still could be posed by the COVID-19 pandemic for handling paper submittals of comments, emailed comments are preferred. Comments may be emailed to Mr. Hale at jhale@idem.IN.gov.

• All comments are due by September 19, 2020.
• When IDEM makes a final decision about the waste management areas’ closure plan, a Notice of Decision will be mailed to landowners within one mile of the facility and individuals who submitted comments or requested notification.

Additional Information

• You can direct questions to John Hale at (317) 232-8871 or jhale@idem.IN.gov.
• For more information about activities managed through IDEM Solid Waste Permits Section, please visit IDEM's website at www.idem.IN.gov.