To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for **Section 401 Water Quality Certification** by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana’s water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant: Wisconsin Central Ltd.
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   Homewood, IL 60430

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3. Project location: Sections 33 and 34, Township 37 North, Range 9 West, Lake County. Along the rail line from the intersection of Cline Ave. and Gary Ave., to just east of the intersection of E 149th St. to E. Huish Dr, East Chicago.


5. Project Description: The applicant proposes to discharge fill material into 0.48 acre of wetland and 0.32 acre of wetland jurisdictional wetland to facilitate the construction of two siding tracks. The applicant is also proposing to discharge fill material into five (5) Class I Non-forested wetlands totaling 1.36 acres (0.56 acre, 0.49 acre, 0.007 acre, 0.07 acre and 0.17 acre for the same purpose. Impacts to isolated wetlands will be reviewed under IC 13-18-22. It is proposed to mitigate for both jurisdictional and isolated wetland impacts through the purchase of credits from in Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program. The amount of credits to be purchase has not been determined. Additional information may be found on line at https://www.in.gov/idem/5474.htm

**Comment period:** Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

**Public Hearing:** Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Additional information may be obtained from Marty Maupin, Project Manager, by phone at 317-233-2471 or by e-mail at mmaupin@idem.in.gov. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM’s final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to - IDEM, 100 North Senate Ave., MC65-42, WQS IGCN 1255, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251.