

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER QUALITY, PERMITS BRANCH
NOTICE of PLANNED CHANGES TO PUBLIC NOTICE PROCEDURES
NOTICE DATE: May 29, 2020

Please be advised that beginning on July 1, 2020 the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Office of Water Quality will public notice individual NPDES and Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment permit actions on IDEM's website in lieu of newspaper publications. This change will allow IDEM to better serve the public by allowing a wider range of interested and potentially affected persons easier access to permit actions, increasing the amount and type of information that can be shared, and saving taxpayer money. Certain permit actions will continue to be published both on IDEM's website as well as the newspaper, such as those required by rule or statute, new general permits, and any other action that IDEM believes the public would benefit from having both forms of notice.

IDEM's goal is to ensure all citizens continue to feel they are informed of permit actions and have access to information throughout and following this transition. There are many options for citizens wishing to be notified of permit actions taking place outlined below, and IDEM staff are available to assist should there be any questions on using these methods:

- For citizens interested in remaining informed about all permit actions occurring in a specific county, they can view all permits currently on public notice and also have the ability to sign up to be automatically notified of permit activity in their geographic area at <https://www.in.gov/idem/5474.htm>;
- For citizens with a general interest in all permit actions occurring throughout the state, they can be included on a mailing list to receive summary documents of all permit actions that occur (in compliance with 327 IAC 5-3-12(g)) on a continuous basis by sending an e-mail request or inquiry to OWQWWPER@idem.in.gov;
- For citizens interested in a specific facility, they can contact the facility and ask to be included on their Potentially Affected Persons list, which will be submitted with any applications for permit actions in compliance with the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act (AOPA) and will ensure the citizen is notified of any actions that take place;
- At any time, citizens can access a list of all permit actions in the State currently on public notice at the following website: <https://www.in.gov/idem/6408.htm>.

IDEM staff are happy to help interested citizens enroll in any of the above options to ensure they remain as informed as possible. Questions may be directed to Catherine Hess at (317) 232-8704. Please direct any e-mail inquiries to owqwwper@idem.in.gov.