

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF COMPLETE APPLICATION

On December 20, 2018, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) received an application for a closure/post-closure plan for a CCR surface impoundment from Northern Indiana Public Service Company for the Michigan City Generating Station located at 101 Wabash Street in Michigan City, LaPorte County. IDEM has determined the application is now complete, including the initial submittal dated December 20, 2018, (VFC #[82976831](#)) and additional information dated February 28, 2019 (VFC #[82709758](#)), June 5, 2019 (VFC #[82791433](#)), February 13, 2020 (VFC #[82914980](#)), and September 10, 2020 (VFC #[83044085](#)). It is available online via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC). Please go to: <http://vfc.idem.in.gov/>. You will then have the option to search for the application using a variety of criteria. The closure/post-closure plan may also be available for review at:

Michigan City Public Library, 100 East 4th Street, Michigan City, 46360

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the library may be closed or have limited access, or the application could not be placed there. If you need assistance accessing the closure/post-closure plan, please contact the Solid Waste Permits Section at (317) 234-9536 or toll free within Indiana at (800) 451-6027, or send an e-mail to OLQ@idem.IN.gov with the permit information in the subject line.

IDEM's determination of completeness triggers the following public process requirements of 329 IAC 10-12-1:

1. A public meeting held by the applicant to address the closure/post-closure plan and the review process.
2. A public comment period during which IDEM will accept comments from the public regarding the closure/post-closure plan.

The Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) held a public meeting regarding the closure/post-closure plan for the surface impoundments located at the Michigan City Generating Station on April 22, 2020. A video of the public meeting is available here: <https://www.nipsco.com/our-company/about-us/our-environment/ccr-rule-compliance>. NIPSCO plans to hold an additional meeting that has not been set. Please contact Alysa Hopkins at (317) 234-4596 or AHopkins@idem.in.gov for further information.

With this notice, IDEM initiates an additional period during which the public may submit comments regarding the closure/post-closure plans. This public comment period ends 30 days after NIPSCO's public meeting.

Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision (NOD) stating whether the approval has been issued or denied. If comments are received during the public comment period, the final decision will include a document that summarizes the comments and IDEM's response to those comments. If you have submitted comments or have asked to be added to the mailing list, you will receive the NOD. The notice will provide details on how you may appeal IDEM's decision, if you disagree with that decision. The final decision will also be available online via the Virtual File Cabinet, and at the Michigan City Public Library, subject to the possible limitations noted above due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

You may also request that IDEM hold a public hearing. If the Commissioner determines a public hearing is necessary, the hearing may be held at the same date and time as the public meeting or it may be scheduled at a different time. If it will be held at a different time, IDEM will make a separate announcement of the date, time, and location of that hearing.

Public comments and supporting documentation, or a request for a public hearing should be sent in writing to IDEM at the address below. Email is preferred. If you do not want to comment at this time but would like to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM at the address below. Please refer to SW Program ID 46-010 in all correspondence. Comments should be sent to:

Alysa Hopkins, IDEM, Office of Land Quality, 100 North Senate Ave., IGCN 1154, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

Fax: (317) 232-3403 attn: Alysa Hopkins

E-mail: AHopkins@idem.in.gov

For additional information please call (800) 451-6027 and ask for Alysa Hopkins, or call directly at (317) 234-4596, or see the application.