



**Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Quality
Waterways Section**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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February 20, 2026

Corps of Engineers ID Number:
LRC-2013-640

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.

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3. Project location: Latitude 41.63552, Longitude -87.16216
6625 S Boundary Road, Portage, Porter County

4. Affected waterbody: Lake Michigan

5. Project Description: To ensure safe navigation, the Ports of Indiana (POI) must conduct ongoing maintenance dredging to remove accumulated sediment from the harbors. The POI permit to conduct long-term maintenance dredging expired on December 31, 2024. The POI seeks a 10-year permit to continue the removal of naturally occurring deposited bottom sediment using mechanical and/or hydraulic methods to maintain a depth of 27 feet or greater within the designated areas. The POI plans to conduct maintenance dredging every 2 years, or as needed. The estimated volume for removal is up to 50,000 cubic yards over the 10-year period. The initial dredging event is estimated to be 10,000 cubic yards. The hydrographic survey information conducted in April 2025 is provided as Exhibit 4. Based on the survey data, the initial quantity of sediment to be dredged in the West Harbor Arm is estimated at 1,774 cubic yards, the East Harbor Arm at 6,545, and Berth 6 at 695 cubic yards. The total estimated volume for the initial dredging is approximately 9,014 cubic yards. The POI plans to use the dredged materials to protect and restore the area around the cellular wall. If there is additional material, it will be placed on the beach at the POI facility located west of the cellular wall where it has eroded.

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.

Questions?

Additional information may be obtained by contacting WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov. In the subject line of the email, please include the IDEM ID Number listed in the top right corner of the first page of this public notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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