

**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE NO 20260123 – IN0031020– D**  
**DATE OF NOTICE: January 23, 2026**  
**DATE RESPONSE DUE: February 23, 2026**

**The Office of Water Quality proposes the following DRAFT NPDES PERMIT:**

**Major Modification:**

**City of Vincennes WWTP**, Permit IN0031020, KNOX COUNTY, 301 Perdue Road, Vincennes, IN. This major municipal wastewater treatment plant has an average design flow of 7.5 million gallons daily of treated sanitary and industrial wastewater into the Wabash River via Outfall 001. Outfall 001 is located at Latitude: 38° 40' 39" N, Longitude: 87° 32' 40" W. Sludge at the facility is hauled offsite and land-applied. The permittee requests a permit modification to remove the effluent limitations for cyanide and reduce the monitoring frequency based on an IDEM Reasonable Potential to Exceed (RPE) analysis conducted on November 21, 2025. Permit Manager: Allie Gates at 317-232-5114 or [agates1@idem.in.gov](mailto:agates1@idem.in.gov). Posted online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>.

**PROCEDURES TO FILE A RESPONSE**

You are hereby notified of the availability of a 30-day public comment period regarding the referenced draft permit, in accordance with IC 13-15-5-1. The application and draft permit documents are available for inspection at IDEM, Office of Water Quality, Indiana Government Center North - Room 1255, 100 N. Senate Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46204 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, (copies 10¢ per page). The Draft Permit is posted online on the above-referenced IDEM public notice web page. A courtesy copy has also been sent via email to the local County Health Department. Please tell others whom you think would be interested in this matter. For more information about public participation including your rights & responsibilities, please see <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>. You may want to consult our online Citizens' Guide to IDEM: <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/>.

**Comments:** The proposed decision to issue a permit is tentative. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft permit. All comments must be delivered to IDEM or postmarked no later than the Response Due Date noted to be considered in the decision to issue a final permit. Deliver or mail all requests or comments to the attention of the Permit Manager at the above address. **To Request a Public Hearing:** Any person may request a public hearing. A written request must be submitted to the above address on or before the Response Due Date. The written request shall include: the name and address of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request and the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing. The Department will determine whether to hold a public hearing based upon the comments and the rationale for the request. Public Notice of such a hearing will be posted on IDEM's web site for public notices and notification will also be sent out to those persons submitting comments and/or on the mailing list at least 30 days prior to the hearing.



## INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Commissioner

January 23, 2026

### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Joe Yochum, Mayor  
City of Vincennes  
403 Busseron Street  
Vincennes, Indiana 47591

Dear Mayor Yochum:

Re: Draft Modification of NPDES Permit  
No. IN0031020 for the City of Vincennes  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Knox County

Your request for permit modification, submitted December 9, 2025, has been reviewed and processed in accordance with rules adopted under 327 IAC 5. Enclosed is the draft modification of NPDES Permit No. IN0031020 which applies to the discharge from the City of Vincennes Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The enclosed Pages 5, 6, 14, and 37 of 49 are intended to replace the corresponding pages in the facility's current permit.

Pursuant to IC 13-15-5-1, IDEM will publish the draft permit document online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>. Additional information on public participation can be found in the "Citizens' Guide to IDEM", available at <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/>. A 30-day comment period is available in order to solicit input from interested parties, including the general public.

Please review this document carefully and become familiar with the proposed terms and conditions. Comments concerning the draft permit should be submitted in accordance with the procedure outlined in the enclosed public notice form. If you have any questions concerning this modification, please contact Allie Gates at 317/232-5114 or [agates1@idem.IN.gov](mailto:agates1@idem.IN.gov).

Sincerely,

Leigh Voss, Chief  
Municipal NPDES Permits Section  
Office of Water Quality

Enclosures

cc: Josh Moore, Facility Manager



STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
AMENDED AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., the "Clean Water Act") or (CWA), and IDEM's authority under IC 13-5, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is issuing this permit to the

**CITY OF VINCENNES**

hereinafter referred to as "the permittee." The permittee owns and/or operates the **City of Vincennes Wastewater Treatment Plant**, a major municipal wastewater treatment plant located at 301 Perdue Road, Vincennes, Indiana, Knox County. The permittee is hereby authorized to discharge from the outfalls identified in Part I of this permit to receiving waters named the Wabash River in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in the permit. This permit may be revoked for the nonpayment of applicable fees in accordance with IC 13-18-20.

The permit, as issued on June 7, 2024 is hereby amended as contained herein. The amended provisions shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_. All terms and conditions of the permit not modified at this time remain in effect. Further, any existing condition or term affected by the modifications will remain in effect until the modified provisions become effective.

This permit and authorization to discharge, as amended, shall expire at midnight, October 31, 2029. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the date of expiration, the permittee shall submit such information and forms as are required by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management no later than 180 days prior to the date of expiration.

Issued on \_\_\_\_\_ for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

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Jerry Dittmer, Chief  
Permits Branch  
Office of Water Quality

TABLE 3

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Quality or Concentration</b>			<b>Monitoring Requirements</b>	
	<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>Daily Maximum</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Measurement Frequency</b>	<b>Sample Type</b>
Cadmium [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Chromium [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Copper [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Cyanide [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	Grab
Lead [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Nickel [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Silver [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Zinc [1]	----	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.

NOTE: For measurement frequencies less than once per month, the permittee shall report the result from the monitoring period on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) for the final month of the reporting timeframe, beginning with January of each year. For example, for quarterly monitoring, the permittee may conduct sampling within the month of January, February or March. The result from this reporting timeframe shall be reported on the March DMR, regardless of which of the months within the quarter the sample was taken.

[1] The permittee shall measure and report this parameter as Total Recoverable Metal. Cyanide shall be reported as Free Cyanide. Concentrations less than the Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) and greater than or equal to the Limit of Detection (LOD) shall be reported by the permittee on the discharge monitoring report forms as the actual measured value. Concentrations less than the limit of detection shall be reported on the discharge monitoring report forms as less than the value of the limit of detection. For example, if a substance is not detected and the LOD is 0.1 mg/l, report the value as < 0.1 mg/l.

The following EPA test methods and/or Standard Methods and associated LODs and LOQs are recommended for use in the analysis of the effluent samples. Alternative 40 CFR 136 approved methods may be used provided the LOQ is less than the monthly average and/or daily maximum effluent limitations.

The permittee may determine a case-specific Method Detection Level (MDL) using one of the analytical methods specified below, or any other test method which is approved by IDEM prior to use. The MDL shall be derived by the procedure specified for MDLs contained in 40 CFR Part 136, Appendix B, and the limit of quantitation shall be set equal to 3.18 times the MDL. NOTE: The MDL for purposes of this document, is

synonymous with the "limit of detection" or "LOD" as defined in 327 IAC 5-1.5-26: "the minimum concentration of a substance that can be measured and reported with ninety-nine percent (99%) confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero (0) for a particular analytical method and sample matrix".

Parameter	EPA Method	LOD	LOQ
Cadmium	3113 B	0.1 µg/l	0.32 µg/l
Chromium	3111 C or 3113 B	2.0 µg/l	6.4 µg/l
Copper	3113 B	1.0 µg/l	3.2 µg/l
Cyanide, Available*	OIA-1677-09 (available)	0.5 µg/l	1.6 µg/l
Cyanide, Available*	Kelada-01 (available)	0.5 µg/l	1.6 µg/l
Lead	3113 B	1.0 µg/l	3.2 µg/l
Nickel	3113 B	1.0 µg/l	3.2 µg/l
Silver	3113 B	0.2 µg/l	0.64 µg/l
Zinc	200.7, Revision 4.4 or 3120 B	2.0 µg/l	6.4 µg/l

\*Free cyanide shall be reported as free cyanide but measured using one of the approved EPA test methods above for available cyanide.

#### 4. Additional Monitoring Requirements

Beginning on the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall conduct the following monitoring activities:

##### a. Influent Monitoring

In addition to the requirements contained in Part I.B.2 of the NPDES permit, the permittee shall monitor the influent to its wastewater treatment facility for the following pollutants. Samples shall be representative of the raw influent in accordance with 327 IAC 5-2-13(b).

TABLE 4

Parameter	Quality or Concentration			Monitoring Requirements	
	Monthly Average	Daily Maximum	Units	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Cadmium [1]	Report	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Chromium [1]	Report	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
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Silver [1]	Report	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.
Zinc [1]	Report	Report	mg/l	1 X Quarterly	24 Hr. Comp.

3. This permit may be modified, or, alternately, revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable effluent limitation or standard issued or approved under section 301(b)(2)(C), (D) and (E), 304(b)(2), and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent limitation or standard so issued or approved:
  - a. contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit; or
  - b. controls any pollutant not limited in the permit.
4. This permit may be modified or, alternatively, revoked and reissued after public notice and opportunity for hearing to incorporate monitoring requirements and effluent limitations for cadmium, chromium, copper, cyanide, lead, nickel, silver, and/or zinc if the Department of Environmental Management determines that such monitoring requirements and effluent limitations are needed to assure that State Water Quality standards are met in the receiving streams.
5. This permit may be modified, or alternately, revoked and reissued after public notice and opportunity for hearing to include Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) limitations or to include limitations for specific toxicants if the results of the WET testing and/or the Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) study indicate that such limitations are necessary.

#### D. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING REQUIREMENTS

To adequately assess the effects of the effluent on aquatic life, the permittee is required by this section of the permit to conduct chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing. Part I.D.1. of this permit describes the testing procedures and Part I.D.2. describes the Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) which is only required if the effluent demonstrates toxicity in two (2) consecutive toxicity tests as described in Part I.D.1.f.

##### 1. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Tests

The permittee must conduct the series of aquatic toxicity tests described below to monitor the acute and chronic toxicity of the effluent discharged from Outfall 001.

If toxicity is demonstrated in two (2) consecutive toxicity tests as described in Part I.D.1.f., with any test species during the term of the permit, the permittee is required to conduct a TRE under Part I.D.2.

##### a. Toxicity Test Procedures and Data Analysis

humans does not occur, the reporting requirements of 327 IAC 2-6.1 do not apply.

- a. Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit;
- b. Any emergency incident which may pose a significant danger to human health or the environment. Reports under this item shall be made as soon as the permittee becomes aware of the incident by calling 317/233-7745 (888/233-7745 toll free in Indiana). This number should only be called when reporting these emergency events;
- c. Any upset (as defined in Part II.B.3 above) that exceeds any technology-based effluent limitations in the permit;
- d. Any release, including basement backups, from the sanitary sewer system (including satellite sewer systems operated or maintained by the permittee) not specifically authorized by this permit. Reporting of known releases from private laterals not caused by a problem in the sewer system owned or operated by the permittee is not required under Part II.C.3, however, documentation of such events must be maintained by the permittee and available for review by IDEM staff; or
- e. Any discharge from any outfall from which discharge is explicitly prohibited by this permit as well as any discharge from any other outfall or point not listed in this permit.

The permittee can make the oral reports by calling 317/232-8670 during regular business hours and asking for the Compliance Data Section, or by calling (317/233-7745) (888/233-7745 toll free in Indiana) during non-business hours. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain: a description of the event and its cause; the period of occurrence, including exact dates and times, and, if the event has not concluded, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, mitigate and eliminate the event and steps taken or planned to prevent its recurrence. The Commissioner may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours. Alternatively the permittee may submit a "Bypass Overflow/Incident Report" (State Form 48373) or a "Noncompliance Notification Report" (State Form 54215), whichever is appropriate, to IDEM at [wwreports@idem.IN.gov](mailto:wwreports@idem.IN.gov). If a complete submittal is sent within 24 hours of the time that the permittee became aware of the occurrence, then that report will satisfy both the oral and written reporting requirements.



**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**  
**Fact Sheet for**  
**City of Vincennes Wastewater Treatment Plant**  
**Draft: December 2025**  
**Final: TBD**

**Indiana Department of Environmental Management**

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<b>Existing Permit Information:</b>	Permit Number: IN0031020 Expiration Date: October 31, 2029
<b>Facility Contact:</b>	Mr. Josh Moore, Facility Manager <a href="mailto:jmoore@vinutilities.com">jmoore@vinutilities.com</a> , (812) 886-5057
<b>Facility Location:</b>	301 Perdue Road Vincennes, Indiana Knox County 47591
<b>Receiving Stream:</b>	Wabash River
<b>GLI/Non-GLI:</b>	Non-GLI
<b>Proposed Permit Action:</b>	Modification
<b>Date Application Received:</b>	December 9, 2025
<b>Facility Category:</b>	NPDES Major Municipal
<b>Permit Writer:</b>	Allie Gates, Senior Environmental Manager <a href="mailto:agates1@idem.in.gov">agates1@idem.in.gov</a> , (317) 232-5114

Outfall Location

Latitude: 38° 40' 39" N  
Longitude: 87° 32' 40" W

**Background**

This is the modification of the NPDES permit for the City of Vincennes Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility's current permit was effective on November 1, 2024 and has an expiration date of October 31, 2029. A request for permit modification was received from the permittee on December 9, 2025. The permittee requests a permit modification to remove the effluent limitations for cyanide and reduce the monitoring frequency based on an IDEM Reasonable Potential to Exceed (RPE) analysis conducted on November 21, 2025. The RPE analysis included evaluation of twelve months of free cyanide effluent data and determined the data does not show a reasonable potential to exceed water quality criteria for free cyanide. Therefore, effluent limitations for free cyanide are not required.

**Modification**

The following changes have been made for the modification of the NPDES permit:

Page 1 of 49	This page has been modified to reflect the modification effective date for the permit.
Page 5 of 49	This page has been modified to remove the effluent limits for cyanide and reduce the monitoring frequency to quarterly.
Page 6 of 49	This page has been modified to reduce the monitoring frequency for influent cyanide to quarterly.
Page 14 of 49	This page has been modified to add cyanide to the list of parameters in reopening clause 4.
Page 37 of 49	This page has been modified to remove Part II.C.3.f. which refers to the previous limitation for cyanide.

**Expiration Date**

The expiration date of the permit has not changed. The permit, as modified, will expire at midnight on October 31, 2029.

**Permit Processing/Public Comment**

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