

**STATE OF INDIANA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 20260206 – IN0023582 – F + SMV**  
**DATE OF NOTICE: February 6, 2026**

**The Office of Water Quality has issued the following FINAL NPDES PERMIT and RENEWAL of STREAMLINED MERCURY VARIANCE (SMV):**

**Major Renewal:**

**City of Ligonier WWTP**, Permit IN0023582, NOBLE COUNTY, 305 Bridge Street, Ligonier, IN. This major municipal wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has an average design flow of 1.5 million gallons daily of treated sanitary wastewater into the Elkhart River via Outfall 001. The City of Ligonier has submitted renewal applications for its NPDES permit and for the SMV for discharges from the WWTP. IDEM has renewed both the SMV and the NPDES permit. Outfall 001 is located at Latitude: 41° 28' 3" N, Longitude: 85° 35' 55" W. Solids at the facility are hauled offsite to a landfill. 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/>.

**Notice of Right to Administrative Review**

If you wish to challenge this Permit, you must file a Petition for Administrative Review with the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) and serve a copy of the Petition upon IDEM. The requirements for filing a Petition for Administrative Review are found in IC 4-21.5-3-7, IC 13-15-6-1 and 315 IAC 1-3-2. A summary of the requirements of these laws is provided below.

A Petition for Administrative Review must be filed with the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this notice (eighteen (18) days if you received this notice by U.S. Mail), and a copy must be served upon IDEM. Addresses are:

Director  
Office of Administrative Law Proceedings  
Indiana Government Center North  
100 North Senate Avenue - Room N802  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Indiana Government Center North  
100 North Senate Avenue - Room 1301  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The Petition must contain the following information:

1. The name, address and telephone number of each petitioner.
2. A description of each petitioner's interest in the Permit.
3. A statement of facts demonstrating that each petitioner is:
  - a. a person to whom the order is directed.
  - b. aggrieved or adversely affected by the Permit.
  - c. entitled to administrative review under any law.

4. The reasons for the request for administrative review.
5. The particular legal issues proposed for review.
6. The alleged environmental concerns or technical deficiencies of the Permit.
7. The Permit terms and conditions that the petitioner believes would be appropriate and would comply with the law.
8. The identity of any persons represented by the petitioner.
9. The identity of the person against whom administrative review is sought.
10. A copy of the Permit that is the basis of the petition.
11. A statement identifying petitioner's attorney or other representative, if any.

Failure to meet the requirements of the law with respect to a Petition for Administrative Review may result in a waiver of your right to seek administrative review of the Permit. Examples are:

1. Failure to file a Petition by the applicable deadline.
2. Failure to serve a copy of the Petition upon IDEM when it is filed; or
3. Failure to include the information required by law.

If you seek to have a Permit stayed during the Administrative Review, you may need to file a Petition for a Stay of Effectiveness. The specific requirements for such a Petition can be found in 315 IAC 1-3-2 and 315 IAC 1-3-2.1.

Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-17, OALP will provide all parties with Notice of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, stays, or orders disposing of the review of this action. If you are entitled to Notice under IC 4-21.5-3-5(b) and would like to obtain notices of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, stays, or orders disposing of the review of this action without intervening in the proceeding you must submit a written request to OALP at the address above. More information on the appeal review process is available on the website for the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings at <http://www.in.gov/oalp>.