

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE NO 20260127 – IN0039349– D
DATE OF NOTICE: January 27, 2026
DATE RESPONSE DUE: February 27, 2026

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

Minor Modification:

Town of Elizabethtown WWTP, Permit IN0039349, BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY, 120 West Street, Elizabethtown, IN. This minor municipal wastewater treatment plant has an average design flow of 0.06477 million gallons daily of treated sanitary wastewater into an unnamed tributary to Cooks Creek via Outfall 001. Outfall 001 is located at Latitude: 39° 08' 17" N, Longitude: 85° 49' 05" W. Sludge at the facility is hauled offsite. The permittee requests a permit modification to reduce the sampling frequency of CBOD₅, TSS, and Ammonia-Nitrogen from two (2) times weekly to once (1) weekly. Permit Manager: Sierra Ehlinger at 463-261-6979 or sehlinge@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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Clint Woods
Commissioner

January 27, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Rick Mullins, Council President
Town of Elizabethtown
PO Box 192
Elizabethtown, Indiana 47232

Dear Mr. Mullins:

Re: Draft Modification of NPDES Permit
No. IN0039349 for the Town of Elizabethtown
Wastewater Treatment Plant
Bartholomew County

Your request for permit modification, submitted November 17, 2025, has been reviewed and processed in accordance with rules adopted under 327 IAC 5. Enclosed is the draft modification of NPDES Permit No. IN0039349 which applies to the discharge from the Town of Elizabethtown Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The enclosed Pages 1 and 2 of 32 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 Sierra Ehlinger at 463-261-6979 or sehlinge@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

cc: Matthew McIntosh, Certified Operator
Tony Akles, Consultant



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

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN

hereinafter referred to as "the permittee." The permittee owns and/or operates the **Town of Elizabethtown Wastewater Treatment Plant**, a minor municipal wastewater treatment plant located at 120 West Street, Elizabethtown, Indiana, Bartholomew County. The permittee is hereby authorized to discharge from the outfalls identified in Part I of this permit to receiving waters consisting of an unnamed tributary to Cooks Creek 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 September 19, 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, September 30, 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.

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

TREATMENT FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The permittee currently operates a Class I, 0.06477 MGD concentric package type extended aeration treatment facility consisting of an influent pump station, an influent screen, an excess flow pump station flow equalization tank, a return flow pump station, an aeration tank, a secondary clarifier, a wet weather equalization basin, ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection, diffused post aeration, and an effluent flow meter. The biosolids are treated in an aerobic digester and then are hauled off site by a licensed contractor. The facility does not contain an influent flow meter.

The collection system is comprised of 100% separate sanitary sewers by design with two (2) Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) points.

PART I

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The permittee is authorized to discharge from the outfall listed below in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The permittee shall take samples and measurements at a location representative of each discharge to determine whether the effluent limitations have been met. Refer to Part I.B of this permit for additional monitoring and reporting requirements.

1. Beginning on the effective date of this permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge from Outfall 001, which is located at Latitude: 39° 08' 17" N, Longitude: 85° 49' 05" W. The discharge is subject to the following requirements:

TABLE 1

Parameter	Quantity or Loading			Quality or Concentration			Monitoring Requirements	
	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Units	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Units	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow [1]	Report	----	MGD	----	----	----	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Total
CBOD ₅								
Summer [2]	10.8	16.2	lbs/day	20	30	mg/l	1 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Winter [3]	13.5	21.6	lbs/day	25	40	mg/l	1 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
TSS								
Summer [2]	13.0	19.5	lbs/day	24	36	mg/l	1 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Winter [3]	16.2	24.3	lbs/day	30	45	mg/l	1 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Ammonia-nitrogen								
Summer [2]	0.7	1.1	lbs/day	1.3	2.0	mg/l	1 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Winter [3]	1.0	1.6	lbs/day	1.9	2.9	mg/l	1 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.



National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Briefing Memo for
Town of Elizabethtown Wastewater Treatment Plant
Draft: January 2026
Final: TBD

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Permittee:	Town of Elizabethtown Wastewater Treatment Plant Rick Mullins, Council President PO Box 192 100 West St Elizabethtown, Indiana, 47232 rickmullins49@icloud.com , 812-579-6111
Existing Permit Information:	Permit Number: IN0039349 Expiration Date: September 30, 2029
Facility Contact:	Matthew McIntosh, Certified Operator whiteriverpowerwashing@gmail.com
Facility Location:	120 West Street Elizabethtown, Indiana Bartholomew County
Receiving Stream:	Unnamed Tributary to Cook's Creek
GLI/Non-GLI:	Non-GLI
Proposed Permit Action:	Modification
Date Application Received:	November 17, 2025
Facility Category:	NPDES Minor Municipal
Permit Writer:	Sierra Ehlinger, Environmental Manager sehlinge@idem.in.gov , 463-261-6979

Outfall Location

Latitude: 39° 08' 17" N
Longitude: 85° 49' 05" W

Background

This is the modification of the NPDES permit for the Town of Elizabethtown Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility's current permit was effective on October 1, 2024 and has an expiration date of September 30, 2029. A request for permit modification was received from the permittee on November 17, 2025. The permittee requests a permit modification to reduce the sampling frequency of CBOD₅, TSS, and Ammonia-Nitrogen from two (2) times weekly to once (1) weekly.

Modification

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

Page 1 of 32 This page has been modified to reflect the modification effective date for the permit.

Page 2 of 32 This page has been modified to reflect the modification of sampling frequency requirements for CBOD₅, TSS, and Ammonia-Nitrogen from two (2) times weekly to once (1) weekly in Table 1. This reduction is based on the permittee's ability to demonstrate compliance with the parameters for the past year.

Expiration Date

The expiration date of the permit has not changed. The permit, as modified, will expire at midnight on September 30, 2029.

Permit Processing/Public Comment

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