

**LEGAL NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST
A PUBLIC HEARING**

**Draft Motor Vehicle Emission Budget (MVEB) Replacement and Emissions
Update for the Indiana Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI 2008 8-
Hour Ozone Standard Maintenance Area**

Note: Legal notices for public hearings are no longer published in newspapers, but can be found on the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's web site at:

[IDEM: Public Notices: Northwest Indiana](#)

Notice is hereby given under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51.102 that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is accepting written comment and providing an opportunity for a public hearing regarding the *Draft Motor Vehicle Emission Budget (MVEB) Replacement and Emissions Update for the Indiana Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard Maintenance Area*. Onroad emissions are calculated using the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA's) Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) mobile model. Onroad emissions for the previous submittal were calculated using MOVES3 and are now being replaced with U.S. EPA's recently adopted MOVES5 mobile model. All interested persons are invited and will be given reasonable opportunity to express their views concerning this submittal.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on Indiana's proposed MVEB replacement update. Lake and Porter counties have been classified as a maintenance area for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard and are subject to the requirements of Sections 172 and 182 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). As such, the above documents are being drafted and submitted consistent with U.S. EPA guidance. Upon completion of this public notice process, the MVEB replacement will be submitted to U.S. EPA for approval into Indiana's State Implementation Plan.

The draft documents will be available for review on or before March 13, 2026, on the following web page:

[IDEM: Lake and Porter Counties Requests for Redesignation and
Maintenance Plans](#)

Copies of the draft document will also be available on or before March 13, 2026, to any person upon request at the following locations:

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room 13W, Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Northwest Regional Office, 330 West U.S. Highway 30, Suite F, Valparaiso, Indiana.
- Crown Point Community Library, 122 North Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana.
- Lake County Public Library-Highland Branch, located at 2841 Jewett Street, Highland Indiana.
- Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Public Library, 2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, Indiana
- Valparaiso Public Library, 103 Jefferson Street, Valparaiso, Indiana.
- Gary Public Library, 220 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.
- Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, Indiana.
- Whiting Public Library, 1735 Oliver Street, Whiting, Indiana.

An electronic version of all MOVES5 mobile model input and output files will also be available at the public hearing, if held, or upon request.

Any person may submit written comments on the *Draft Motor Vehicle Emission Budget (MVEB) Replacement and Emissions Update for the Indiana Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard Maintenance Area*. Written comments should be directed to: Mr. Shawn Seals, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room 13W, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Comments can also be submitted via fax (317) 233-5967 or email at SSeals@idem.in.gov. Written comments must be submitted by April 13, 2026. Please refer to the *Draft Motor Vehicle Emission Budget (MVEB) Replacement and Emissions Update for the Indiana Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard Maintenance Area* in all correspondence.

Request for a public hearing on the *Draft Motor Vehicle Emission Budget (MVEB) Replacement and Emissions Update for the Indiana Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, IL-IN-WI 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard Maintenance Area* must be submitted on or before April 13, 2026. Another notice will be published if a hearing is requested with the date, time, and location of the hearing.

For additional information contact Mr. Shawn Seals, via email at SSeals@idem.in.gov, via telephone at (317) 233-0425 (direct) or (800) 451-6027 (toll free in Indiana), or via U.S. Mail at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room 13W, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

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