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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Preliminary Findings Regarding a PSD/Significant Modification to a Part 70 Operating Permit

for Northern Indiana Public Services Company LLC - R.M. Schahfer Generating Station in Jasper County

PSD/Significant Source Modification No.: 073-49556-00008
Significant Permit Modification No.: 073-49651-00008

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has received an application from Northern Indiana Public Services Company LLC - R.M. Schahfer Generating Station, located at 2723 East 1500 North, Wheatfield, Indiana 46392, for a PSD/significant modification. IDEM's Office of Air Quality (OAQ) issues this type of permit to regulate the operation of existing sources and modifications at existing sources that release air pollutants.

The Office of Air Quality (OAQ) had a notice posted on IDEM's website (https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/) stating that the draft PSD/significant modification for Northern Indiana Public Services Company LLC - R.M. Schahfer Generating Station had been proposed for this operation and provided information on how the public could review the proposed permit and other documentation. Due to a written public hearing request and several comments received by IDEM from interested parties, a virtual public hearing will be held on June 3, 2026 to discuss air permitting for Northern Indiana Public Services Company LLC - R.M. Schahfer Generating Station.

A copy of the permit application and IDEM's preliminary findings have been sent to:

Jasper County Public Library Wheatfield Public Library
350 S. Bierma Street
Wheatfield, IN 46392

A copy of the preliminary findings is available on the Internet at: http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/idem-caats/.

A copy of the application and preliminary findings is also available via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) located at https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/public-records/virtual-file-cabinet/. Once you have accessed VFC, you will then have the option to search for source related documents using a variety of criteria. To find documents related to this air permit, click on "Advanced Search", specify "OAQ" in the Program search field, specify the five-digit permit number "49651" or the the five-digit source modification number "49556" in the Permit # search field, then click the Search button at the top or bottom of the webpage.

You are invited to attend a virtual public hearing regarding the Northern Indiana Public Services Company LLC - R.M. Schahfer Generating Station air permitting preliminary findings. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will hold a public hearing to allow for testimony regarding the draft PSD/significant modification. **IDEM, OAQ will not provide responses to questions or comments made during the hearing.** IDEM will review all comments and questions received during the hearing, and submitted as part of the public comment period, and after careful consideration and further analysis, if necessary, provide detailed responses in writing as part of the final decision.

IDEM, OAQ will hold this virtual public hearing via Microsoft Teams at the following time and internet address:

June 3, 2026, starting at 6:00 PM, Central Daylight Time at https://on.in.gov/nipsco-hearing

Meeting ID: 298 392 992 529 607
Passcode: pT3PS7u8

The hearing will end at 9:00 PM, Central Daylight Time, or when all testimony has been provided, whichever is earlier.

Attendees may also participate in the public hearing by telephone using the following telephone number:

Dial-in by phone
+1 317-552-1674,,715999506# United States, Indianapolis, IN
Phone conference ID: 715 999 506#

1. The public hearing will be conducted using the Microsoft Teams software application. Participants will be able to join the hearing without downloading the Teams application.
2. Participants, especially those wishing to speak, should also add their name, when prompted, while joining or signing into the meeting.
3. When participants join the hearing, they will be placed in a virtual waiting room until the public hearing begins. Anyone wishing to provide oral comments during the hearing should complete the Speaker Form using the instructions available in the waiting room. The form link and waiting room will be available beginning about one hour before the scheduled start of the hearing.
4. It is recommended that anyone speaking during the hearing use headphones with a microphone.
5. The chat feature will only be used for participants who have procedural questions or need technical assistance during the hearing. Chat messages will not become part of the record and will not be considered comments on the draft permit documents.
6. Participants with documents, presentations or other materials will not be able to submit them during the meeting. These materials should be submitted to IDEM, OAQ during the public comment period pursuant to the instructions below on how to submit comments and supporting documents.

If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this event, please contact IDEM's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Attn: ADA Coordinator
402 W Washington St - Room E034
Indianapolis, IN 46204
317-233-4088
ESE@idem.IN.gov

Please provide a minimum of 24 hours notice if possible. Speech and hearing impaired callers may contact the agency via the Indiana Relay Service at 1-800-743-3333.

How can you participate in this process?
Written comments and supporting documentation can be submitted to IDEM before the end of the public notice period. The public notice period will end on Monday, June 8, 2026. All comments will be considered by IDEM when we make a decision to issue or deny the permit. Comments that are most likely to affect final permit decisions are those based on the rules and laws governing this permitting process (326 IAC 2), air quality issues, and technical issues. IDEM does not have legal authority to regulate zoning, odor or noise. For such issues, please contact your local officials. If you do not want to comment, but would like to be added to IDEM's mailing list to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM. Please refer to permit number 073-49651-00008 and 073-49556-00008 in all correspondence.

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In order to notify you of our final decision regarding this permitting action, your U.S. mailing address must be submitted with all comments.

What will happen after IDEM makes a decision?
Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision stating whether the permit has been issued or denied. If the permit is issued, it may be different than the draft permit because of comments that were received during the public comment period. If comments are received during the public notice period, the final decision will include a document that summarizes the comments and IDEM's response to those comments. If you have submitted comments or have asked to be added to the mailing list, you will receive a Notice of the Decision. The notice will provide details on how you may appeal IDEM's decision, if you disagree with that decision. The final decision will also be available on the Internet at the addresses indicated above and will also be sent to the local library indicated above.

If you have any questions, please contact Hachem Ismaili Alaoui of my staff at the above address.

Ghassan Shalabi, Section Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Quality

For additional information about air permits and how the public and interested parties can participate, refer to the IDEM Air Permits page on the Internet at: https://www.in.gov/idem/airpermit/public-participation/; and the Citizens' Guide to IDEM on the Internet at: https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/.