

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE NO 20260511 – IN0024741 – D
DATE OF NOTICE: May 11, 2026
DATE RESPONSE DUE: June 11, 2026

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

Major Modification:

City of Wabash WWTP, Permit IN0024741, WABASH COUNTY, 700 Carroll Street, Wabash, IN. This major municipal wastewater treatment plant has an average design flow of 4.0 million gallons daily of treated sanitary and combined sewer wastewater into the Wabash River via Outfall 004A. Outfall 004A is located at Latitude: 40° 47' 26" N, Longitude: 85° 49' 36" W. Biosolids are hauled to a nearby landfill. IDEM has approved the permittee's request to modify certain terms and conditions of the NPDES permit following a petition and subsequent settlement negotiations with the City of Wabash. Permit Manager: Jay Hanko at 317-233-0704 or jhanko@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.



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May 11, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Scott Long, Mayor
City of Wabash
202 South Wabash Street
Wabash, IN 46992

Dear Mayor Long:

Re: Draft NPDES Permit Modification
NPDES Permit No. IN0024741
City of Wabash Wastewater Treatment Plant
Wabash County

Your permit modification has been reviewed and processed in accordance with rules adopted under 327 IAC 5. Enclosed is the draft modification of NPDES Permit No. IN0024741 which applies to the discharge from the City of Wabash Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The enclosed Pages 1, and 50 through 54 of 54 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/>.

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 Jay Hanko at 317/233-0704 or Jhanko@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures

cc: Robert Gray, Superintendent
Keith Bryant, United Consulting
Doug Lehman, City Attorney
Sierra Alberts, Attorney/Office of Legal Counsel



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 WABASH

hereinafter referred to as "the permittee." The permittee owns and/or operates the **City of Wabash Wastewater Treatment Plant**, a major municipal wastewater treatment plant located at 700 Carroll Street, Wabash, Indiana, Wabash 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 January 21, 2026 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, February 28, 2026. 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.

Jerry Dittmer, Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Water Quality

TREATMENT FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The permittee operates a Class III, 4.0 MGD extended-air waste activated sludge Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The existing WWTP consists of an influent flow meter, dual mechanical screens, dual oxidation ditches with 4.0 million gallons of total capacity, two (2) circular secondary clarifiers, phosphorus removal facilities, post aeration, ultraviolet light disinfection, and an effluent flow meter. Sludge is processed with aerobic digesters, gravity thickeners and reed drying beds.

The collection system is comprised of combined sanitary and storm sewers with seven (7) Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) locations. The CSO locations have been identified and permitted with provisions in Attachment A of the permit. The mass limits for CBOD₅, TSS and ammonia-nitrogen have been calculated utilizing the peak design flow of 10 MGD. This is to facilitate the maximization of flow through the treatment facility in accordance with this Office's CSO policy.

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 004A, which is located at Latitude: 40° 47' 26" N, Longitude: 85° 49' 36" 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	2,086	3,338	lbs/day	25	40	mg/l	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
TSS	2,504	3,755	lbs/day	30	45	mg/l	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Ammonia-nitrogen								
Summer [2]	509	768	lbs/day	6.1	9.2	mg/l	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Winter [3]	784	1,177	lbs/day	9.4	14.1	mg/l	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Total Phosphorus	Report	----	lbs/day	1.0	----	mg/l	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Nitrogen, Total (as N) [4]	Report	----	lbs/day	Report	----	mg/l	Monthly	24-Hr. Comp.

ATTACHMENT A

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Requirements

I. CSO Outfalls

Discharges from CSO outfalls identified in the table below are to be reported in accordance with the requirements of Part III of this attachment. CSO discharge events will be periodically evaluated by IDEM to determine if such discharges are consistent with the CSO Level of Control (LOC) approved as part of the permittee's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). The water quality-based requirements and performance criteria for CSO control are established by the approved LTCP, associated LOC, and this Attachment A. Discharges determined by IDEM to not be consistent with the approved LOC may result in corrective actions and/or additional CSO controls being required to ensure future CSO discharges meet the requirements of the approved LTCP.

Dry weather discharges from any portion of the sewer collection system, except WWTP Outfall No. 004A, are prohibited. In addition to complying with the monitoring and reporting requirements in Part III of this attachment, the permittee is also required to report prohibited dry weather discharges in accordance with Part II.C.3 of this permit.

Outfall No.	Location	Receiving Stream
001	Carroll and Smith Streets 40° 47' 29" N 85° 49' 28" W	Wabash River
003	Hannah Park Lift Station 40° 47' 59" N 85° 48' 39" W	Wabash River
004	Middle Street Lift Station 40° 47' 23" N 85° 50' 07" W	Unnamed Tributary to Wabash River
005	Colbertson and Market Streets 40° 47' 45" N 85° 50' 21" W	Charley Creek
006	Miami Street Lift Station 40° 48' 19" N 85° 49' 23" W	Charley Creek
007	Miami and Sherman Streets 40° 48' 54" N 85° 49' 20" W	Unnamed Tributary to Charley Creek
013	Cass and Smith Streets 40° 47' 23" N 85° 49' 25" W	Wabash River

Monitoring for the purpose of reporting on the CSO Monthly Report of Operation (State Form 50546 (R4/9-15)) shall be conducted at a location representative of untreated CSO discharges. Monitoring from a CSO regulator structure contributing flow to the CSO outfall is acceptable provided flows at this location are representative and comprised of untreated CSO flows ultimately discharged through the CSO outfall. Monitoring at the CSO outfall is considered representative except in those instances where non-CSO flows (treated effluents, separate stormwater, etc.) are also discharged through a common outfall. All non-CSO flows shall be excluded from reporting on the CSO Monthly Report of Operation.

II. Minimum Narrative Limitations

- A. At all times the discharge from any and all CSO outfalls herein shall not cause receiving waters:
1. including waters within the mixing zone, to contain substances, materials, floating debris, oil, scum attributable to municipal, industrial, agricultural, and other land use practices, or other discharges that do any of the following:
 - a. will settle to form putrescent or otherwise objectionable deposits;
 - b. are in amounts sufficient to be unsightly or deleterious;
 - c. produce color, visible oil sheen, odor, or other conditions in such a degree as to create a nuisance;
 - d. are in amounts sufficient to be acutely toxic to, or otherwise severely injure or kill aquatic life, other animals, plants, or humans;
 - e. are in concentrations or combinations that will cause or contribute to the growth of aquatic plants or algae to such a degree as to create a nuisance, be unsightly, or otherwise impair the designated uses.
 2. outside the mixing zone, to contain substances in concentrations that on the basis of available scientific data are believed to be sufficient to injure, be chronically toxic to, or be carcinogenic, mutagenic, or teratogenic to humans, animals, aquatic life, or plants.
- B. Dry weather discharges from any portion of the sewer collection system, except WWTP outfall No. 004A, are prohibited. If such a prohibited discharge should occur, the permittee is required to report the discharge in accordance with the provisions in Part II.C.3 of this permit.

III. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

The permittee shall complete and submit accurate monitoring reports to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The permittee shall submit data specified on the NPDES CSO Monthly Report of Operation (MRO) form (State Form 50546 (R5/11-21)). The CSO MRO form includes the following reporting parameters:

- Daily WWTP Influent Data: average daily flow, and peak hourly flow.
- Precipitation Data: time precipitation began, precipitation duration, total daily precipitation, peak precipitation intensity, and rain gauge measurement interval.
- CSO Outfall Information: time discharge began, whether the outfall is metered or estimated, event duration, amount of CSO discharge.

The permittee is required to report all discharges from untreated CSO Outfalls identified in Part I of this Attachment A. CSO MROs shall contain results obtained during each month (a monitoring period) and shall be submitted no later than 28 days following each completed monitoring period. All NPDES permit holders are now required to submit their monitoring data to IDEM using NetDMR.

IV. CSO Operational Plan

- A. The permittee shall comply with the following minimum technology-based controls, in accordance with EPA's National CSO Control Policy:
1. The permittee shall implement proper operation and regular maintenance programs for the sewer system and the CSOs. The purpose of the operation and maintenance programs is to reduce the magnitude, frequency and duration of CSOs. The programs shall consider regular sewer inspections; sewer, catch basin, and regulator cleaning; equipment and sewer collection system repair or replacement, where necessary; and disconnection of illegal connections.
 2. The permittee shall implement procedures that will maximize the use of collection system for wastewater storage that can be accommodated by the storage capacity of the collection system in order to reduce the magnitude, frequency and duration of CSOs.
 3. The permittee shall review and modify, as appropriate, its existing pretreatment program to minimize CSO impacts from non-domestic users. The permittee shall identify all industrial users that discharge to the collection system upstream of any CSO outfalls; this identification shall also include the pollutants in the industrial user's wastewater and the specific CSO outfall(s) that are likely to discharge the wastewater.
 4. The permittee shall operate the POTW at the maximum treatable flow during all wet weather flow conditions to reduce the magnitude, frequency and

duration of CSOs. The permittee shall deliver all flows to the treatment plant within the constraints of the treatment capacity of the POTW.

5. Dry weather overflows from CSO outfalls are prohibited. Each dry weather overflow must be reported to IDEM as soon as the permittee becomes aware of the overflow. When the permittee detects a dry weather overflow, it shall begin corrective action immediately. The permittee shall inspect the dry weather overflow each subsequent day until the overflow has been eliminated.
 6. The permittee shall implement measures to control solid and floatable materials in CSO discharges.
 7. The permittee shall implement a pollution prevention program focused on reducing the impact of CSOs on receiving waters.
 8. The permittee shall implement a public notification process to inform citizens of when and where CSO discharges occur and their impacts. This notification must also be done in accordance with 327 IAC 5-2.1.
 9. The permittee shall monitor to effectively characterize CSO impacts and the efficacy of CSO controls.
- B. The permittee's implementation of each of the minimum controls in Part IV.A of this Attachment A shall be documented in its approved CSO Operational Plan (CSOOP). The permittee shall update the CSOOP, as necessary, to reflect changes in its operation or maintenance practices; changes to measures taken to implement the above minimum requirements; and changes to the treatment plant or collection system, including changes in collection system flow characteristics, collection system or WWTP capacity or discharge characteristics (including volume, duration, frequency and pollutant concentration). All updates to the CSOOP must be submitted to IDEM, Office of Water Quality, Municipal NPDES Permits Section for approval.

The CSOOP update(s) shall include a summary of the proposed revisions to the CSOOP as well as a reference to the page(s) that have been modified. Any CSOOP updates shall not result in:

1. a lower amount of flow being sent to and through the plant for treatment, or
2. more discharges (measured either by volume, duration, frequency, or pollutant concentration) occurring from the CSO outfalls.

The permittee shall maintain a current CSO Operational Plan, including all approved updates, on file at the POTW.

V. Sewer Use Ordinance Review/Revision and Enforcement

The permittee's Sewer Use Ordinance must contain provisions which: (1) prohibit introduction of inflow sources to any sanitary sewer; (2) prohibit construction of new combined sewers outside of the existing combined sewer service area; and (3) provide that for any new building the inflow/clear water connection to a combined sewer shall be made separate and distinct from sanitary waste connection to facilitate disconnection of the former if a separate storm sewer subsequently becomes available. The permittee shall continuously enforce these provisions.

VI. Reopening Clauses

- A. This permit may be reopened to address changes in the EPA National CSO Policy or state or federal law.
- B. The permit may be reopened, after public notice and opportunity for hearing, to incorporate applicable provisions of IC 13-18.



**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Fact Sheet for the
City of Wabash Wastewater Treatment Plant
Draft: April 2026
Final: TBD**

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Permittee:	The Honorable Scott Long, Mayor City of Wabash 202 South Wabash Street Wabash, IN 46992 260/563-4171 mayor@wabashcity.in.gov
Existing Permit Information:	Permit Number: IN0024741 Expiration Date: February 28, 2031
Facility Contact:	Robert Gray, Superintendent 260/563-2941 superintendent@wabashcity.in.gov
Facility Location:	700 Carroll Street Wabash, Indiana Wabash County
Receiving Stream:	Wabash River
GLI/Non-GLI:	Non-GLI
Proposed Permit Action:	Modification
Date Application Received:	Initiated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Facility Category:	NPDES Major Municipal
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