

On April 27, 2026, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Solid Waste Permits Section received an application for a renewal of a Land Application permit from the Sanitary District of Hammond, 5143 Columbia Avenue, Hammond, IN, 46320. The application is a request to allow the land application of municipal biosolids at agronomic rates to farmland in Jasper, Lake, Newton and Porter Counties. The application is available online via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC). Please go to: <http://vfc.idem.in.gov/>. Documents related to this application can be found by selecting the "Solid Waste Program ID" in the "Quick Search" field (in the upper right-hand corner of the page) then enter the permit number, 000089. Search results can be narrowed to permit related documents by clicking on the down arrow next to "IDEM Document Type" and selecting "OLQ Permit".

You may submit comments until June 13, 2026. Comments and supporting documentation should be sent in writing to IDEM at the address below. Email is preferred. If you do not want to comment at this time but would like to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM at the address below. Please refer to permit number IN LA 000089 in all correspondence. Comments should be sent to:

Land Application Program, IDEM, Office of Land Quality
100 North Senate Ave., IGCN 1154, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251
(800) 451-6027 or dial directly: (317) 232-3362 Fax: (317) 232-3403
Attn: Morrighan O'Connell, E-mail: moconnel@idem.IN.gov

For additional information, please see the application or contact Jeffrey Massey, Sanitary District of Hammond, at (219) 853-6413 or jmassey@hammondsd.com or Ms. O'Connell as indicated above.

Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision (NOD) stating whether the approval has been issued or denied. 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 the NOD. 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 online via the Virtual File Cabinet, at the address indicated above.