

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT & AVAILABILITY OF AN ANTIDEGRADATION DEMONSTRATION
PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 20260612-ENTEK- ADD,
DATE OF NOTICE: June 12, 2026
RESPONSE DUE DATE: July 12, 2026

DCCM USA CORP. on behalf of ENTEK Lithium Separators LLC, located at 900 East ENTEK Drive, Terre Haute, Vigo County. On April 22, 2026, the applicant submitted an initial Antidegradation Demonstration (ADD) under 327 IAC 2-1.3-5 because a new lithium-ion battery separator manufacturing facility is proposing to discharge non-process wastewater to the receiving streams, which are unnamed tributaries to Honey Creek and Prairie Creek. The ADD was completed for temperature (heat) from the non-process wastewater, primarily cooling tower blowdown. IDEM has determined the application to be complete and is providing Public Notice of the receipt of the ADD in accordance with 327 IAC 5-2-11.2 in order to solicit public comments. The document containing the Antidegradation Demonstration is available online by going to IDEM's virtual file cabinet at <https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/public-records/virtual-file-cabinet/>. Using the quick search function, search for content ID 83978353. Send all comments or questions to Permit Manager: Heidi Etter, at 317/233-4903, or at hetter@idem.in.gov. Published online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notice/>.

ENTEK Lithium Separators LLC proposes to discharge 1.96 MGD of non-process wastewater at the full build-out of the new lithium-ion battery separator manufacturing facility (four buildings). The site includes a 5.47 million-gallon capacity (small) pond on the east side of the property and an 11.35 million-gallon capacity (large) pond on the west side of the property. The facility originally planned to send the non-process wastewater from two of the buildings to the small pond and non-process wastewater from the other two buildings to the large pond. However, they propose to reroute most of the non-process wastewater from one of the small pond discharge buildings to the large pond instead. This approach will utilize the facility's existing pond infrastructure to provide adequate retention time and thermal dissipation, promoting temperature reduction prior to discharge to the receiving streams. The Antidegradation Demonstration is posted online with the public notice document at the web site listed above. It is also available for inspection or copies (10¢ per page) at IDEM, Office of Water Quality/Permits Branch, IGCN Rm 1255, 100 North Senate Ave, Indianapolis, IN from 9 am to 4 pm, M – F (except state holidays). Electronic copies can be provided upon request from the Permit Manager listed above. For more information about public participation including your rights & responsibilities, please see <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notice/>. You may want to consult our online Citizens' Guide to IDEM: <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/>. Please tell others whom you think would be interested in this matter.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, or request a Public Meeting, in regard to the Antidegradation Demonstration. All comments or requests should be sent to the attention of the Permit Manager and must be E-mailed or postmarked on or before the Response Due Date listed above. Any request for a Public Meeting shall be made in writing and 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 Meeting. If a Public Meeting is scheduled, a Public Notice will be published at least 10 days prior to the Public Meeting on IDEM's website and notifications will also be sent to those persons who have submitted comments. All written comments received during the Public Notice period or during the Public Meeting will be considered. IDEM will provide notice of the tentative decision to either approve or deny the proposed request for a new discharge to all persons who submit written comments about the Antidegradation Demonstration during the official public notice period or who submit a request for such notice within the 30-day comment period for responses.