

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 20260629 – INJ031089 – F
DATE OF NOTICE: June 29, 2026

The Office of Water Quality has issued the following FINAL OPERATIONAL PERMIT:

Minor Renewal:

Independence Hill Conservancy District Collection System, Permit INJ031089, LAKE COUNTY, 8015 Cleveland Place, Merrillville, IN. The permittee owns and operates a sanitary sewer collection system which (under normal operating conditions) conveys wastewater to the Merrillville Conservancy District collection system thence to the Gary Sanitary District wastewater treatment plant for ultimate treatment. This operational permit regulates the operations of the permittee's collection system. This permit contains reporting requirements if any overflows occur from the permittee's collection system. Permit Manager: Nicholas Eilerman at 317-232-8619 or neilerma@idem.in.gov. Posted online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>.

Notice of Right to Administrative Review

If you wish to challenge this Permit, you must file a Petition for Administrative Review with the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) and serve a copy of the Petition upon IDEM. The requirements for filing a Petition for Administrative Review are found in IC 4-21.5-3-7, IC 13-15-6-1 and 41 IAC 2-2-1. A summary of the requirements of these laws is provided below.

A Petition for Administrative Review must be filed with the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this notice (eighteen (18) days if you received this notice by U.S. Mail), and a copy must be served upon IDEM. Addresses are:

Director
Office of Administrative Law Proceedings
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue - Room N802
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Commissioner
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue - Room 1301
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The Petition must contain the following information:

1. The name, address and telephone number of each petitioner.
2. A description of each petitioner's interest in the Permit.
3. A statement of facts demonstrating that each petitioner is:
 - a. a person to whom the order is directed.
 - b. aggrieved or adversely affected by the Permit.

- c. entitled to administrative review under any law.
- 4. The reasons for the request for administrative review.
- 5. The particular legal issues proposed for review.
- 6. The alleged environmental concerns or technical deficiencies of the Permit.
- 7. The Permit terms and conditions that the petitioner believes would be appropriate and would comply with the law.
- 8. The identity of any persons represented by the petitioner.
- 9. The identity of the person against whom administrative review is sought.
- 10. A copy of the Permit that is the basis of the petition.
- 11. A statement identifying petitioner's attorney or other representative, if any.

Failure to meet the requirements of the law with respect to a Petition for Administrative Review may result in a waiver of your right to seek administrative review of the Permit. Examples are:

- 1. Failure to file a Petition by the applicable deadline.
- 2. Failure to serve a copy of the Petition upon IDEM when it is filed; or
- 3. Failure to include the information required by law.

If you seek to have a Permit stayed during the Administrative Review, you may need to file a Petition for a Stay of Effectiveness. The specific requirements for such a Petition can be found in 41 IAC 2-2-1 and 41 IAC 2-2-3.

Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-17, OALP will provide all parties with Notice of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, stays, or orders disposing of the review of this action. If you are entitled to Notice under IC 4-21.5-3-5(b) and would like to obtain notices of any pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, stays, or orders disposing of the review of this action without intervening in the proceeding you must submit a written request to OALP at the address above. More information on the appeal review process is available on the website for the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings at <http://www.in.gov/oalp>.