

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE NO 20260821 – IN0023884 – D
DATE OF NOTICE: August 21, 2026
DATE RESPONSE DUE: September 21, 2026

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

Major Modification:

City of New Albany WWTP, Permit IN0023884, FLOYD COUNTY, 38 West 10th Street, New Albany, IN. This major municipal wastewater treatment plant has an average design flow of 12 million gallons daily of treated sanitary wastewater into Falling Run Creek via Outfall 001. Outfall 001 is located at Latitude: 38° 16' 37" N, Longitude: 85° 49' 58" W. IDEM has approved the permittee's request for a permit modification to remove the 610,000-gallon flow equalization basin from the Treatment Facility Description, as the unit has not been in service for approximately 20 years. 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, IGCN 12th Floor East, 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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August 21, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Jeff M. Gahan, Mayor
City of New Albany
142 East Main Street, Suite 310
New Albany, Indiana 47150

Dear Mayor Gahan:

Re: Draft Modification NPDES Permit No. IN0023884
City of New Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant
Floyd County

Your request for permit modification, submitted July 15, 2026, has been reviewed and processed in accordance with rules adopted under 327 IAC 5. Enclosed is the draft modification of NPDES Permit No. IN0023884 which applies to the discharge from the New Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The enclosed Pages 1, 2, 2a, and 51 of 51 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/>. A 30-day comment period is available in order to solicit input from interested parties, including the general public.

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: Michael Wallace, Utility Director
Chris Conrad, Plant Manager



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 NEW ALBANY

hereinafter referred to as "the permittee." The permittee owns and/or operates the **City of New Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant**, a major municipal wastewater treatment plant located at 38 West 10th Street, New Albany, Indiana, Floyd County. The permittee is hereby authorized to discharge from the outfalls identified in Part I of this permit to receiving waters named Falling Run Creek 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 April 26, 2022 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, May 31, 2027. 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 currently operates a Class IV, 12.0 MGD activated sludge treatment facility consisting of trash screens, fine screens, a vortex grit unit, oxidation ditches, secondary clarifiers, chlorination/dechlorination facilities, ultraviolet light disinfection and post aeration. Influent and effluent flow meters are provided. Final sludge is treated through gravity thickeners and belt filter presses. Final solids are landfilled.

The City of New Albany recently requested IDEM remove the 610,000 gallon flow equalization basin from the Treatment Facility Description, as the unit has not been in service for approximately 20 years. The City's current wet-weather management relies upon existing hydraulic treatment capacity and underground collection system storage.

Peak flows are diverted into infrastructure from the old plant which includes six square clarifiers and the chlorination/dechlorination tanks. These flows are then returned to the headworks for full treatment.

Effluent disinfection is by ultraviolet light disinfection for all effluent flow rates up to 40 MGD. For flow rates greater than 40 MGD, the portion of the flow above 40 MGD is disinfected by chlorination followed by dechlorination.

The collection system is comprised of 100% separate sanitary sewers by design with one Sanitary Sewer Overflow point.

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 100, which is located at Latitude: 38° 16' 37" N, Longitude: 85° 49' 58" 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	----	----	----	Daily	24-Hr. Total
CBOD ₅								
Summer [2]	1,000	1,500	lbs/day	10	15	mg/l	Daily	24-Hr. Comp.
Winter [3]	1,500	2,300	lbs/day	15	23	mg/l	Daily	24-Hr. Comp.
TSS	3,000	4,500	lbs/day	30	45	mg/l	Daily	24-Hr. Comp.
Ammonia-nitrogen								
Summer [2]	150	230	lbs/day	1.5	2.3	mg/l	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Winter [3]	300	450	lbs/day	3.0	4.5	mg/l	5 X Weekly	24-Hr. Comp.
Nitrogen, Total (as N) [4]	Report	----	lbs/day	Report	----	mg/l	Monthly	24-Hr. Comp.
Phosphorus	Report	----	lbs/day	1.0	----	mg/l	Daily	24-Hr. Comp.

ATTACHMENT A

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Overflows in the sanitary sewer system or in a sanitary portion of a combined sewer system are expressly **prohibited** from discharging at any time. Should any release from the sanitary sewer system occur, the permittee is required to notify the Office of Water Quality within twenty four (24) hours in accordance with the requirements in Part II.C.3 of this permit. The correspondence shall include the duration and cause of discharge as well as the remedial action taken to eliminate it. The occurrence of SSOs shall also be reported on the Monthly Report of Operation form. Additionally, monitoring requirements are included in Table 5 below.

The following SSO point has been identified as being present in the collection system:

SSO #	Location	Receiving Stream
003	WWTP Headworks Latitude: 38° 16' 37" N Longitude: 85° 49' 59" W	Falling Run Creek

TABLE 5

Outfalls 003 (See Attachment A)

Parameter	Quantity or Loading			Quality or Concentration			Monitoring Requirements	
	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Units	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Units	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	----- DISCHARGE PROHIBITED -----					MGD	Daily during precipitation [1]	



**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Fact Sheet for the
City of New Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant
Draft: July 2026
Final: NA**

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

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Permittee:	The Honorable Jeff M. Gahan, Mayor City of New Albany 142 East Main Street, Suite 310 New Albany, Indiana 47150 812/948-5333 mayor@cityofnewalbany.com
Existing Permit Information:	Permit Number: IN0023884 Expiration Date: May 31, 2027
Facility Contact:	Michael Wallace, Utility Director 812/948-5320 mwallace@cityofnewalbany.com
Facility Location:	38 West 10th Street New Albany, Indiana Floyd County
Receiving Stream:	Falling Run Creek
GLI/Non-GLI:	Non-GLI
Proposed Permit Action:	Modification
Date Application Received:	July 20, 2026
Facility Category:	NPDES Major Municipal
Permit Writer:	Jay Hanko 317/233-0704 Jhanko@idem.IN.gov

Outfall Location

Latitude: 38° 16' 37" N
Longitude: 85° 49' 58" W

Background

This is the modification of the NPDES permit for the City of New Albany Wastewater Treatment Plant. The facility's current permit was effective on June 1, 2022 and has an expiration date of May 31, 2027. A request for permit modification was received from the permittee on July 20, 2026. The permittee requests a permit modification to remove the 610,000 gallon flow equalization basin from the Treatment Facility Description, as the unit has not been in service for approximately 20 years. The City's current wet-weather management relies upon existing hydraulic treatment capacity and underground collection system storage. This permit modification will update the facility description to properly reflect current facility operations while preserving flexibility for future facility improvements.

Modification

The following changes have been made for the modification of the NPDES permit:

Page 1 of 51	This page has been modified to reflect the modification effective date for the permit.
Page 2 of 51	This page has been modified to revise the Treatment Facility Description by removing the flow equalization basin, as it is no longer in service. The Treatment Facility Description now reads: The permittee currently operates a Class IV, 12.0 MGD activated sludge treatment facility consisting of trash screens, fine screens, a vortex grit unit, oxidation ditches, secondary clarifiers, chlorination/dechlorination facilities, ultraviolet light disinfection and post aeration. Influent and effluent flow meters are provided. Final sludge is treated through gravity thickeners and belt filter presses. Final solids are landfilled. Peak flows are diverted into infrastructure from the old plant which includes six square clarifiers and the chlorination/dechlorination tanks. These flows are then returned to the headworks for full treatment.
Page 2a of 51	This page was inserted to maintain page number consistency throughout the remainder of the permit.
Page 51 of 51	This page has been modified to remove Footnote [1] from Table 5. This footnote required visual inspections, reporting, and recording keeping of the discharges from SSO 003 triggered by specific precipitations. This footnote is intended for SSO events in the collection system. SSO 003 is located at the WWTP headworks and is

manually operated to avoid flooding at the WWTP and to protect infrastructure, therefore does not require visual inspections.

Expiration Date

The expiration date of the permit has not changed. The permit, as modified, will expire at midnight on May 31, 2027.