

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT & AVAILABILITY OF AN ANTIDEGRADATION DEMONSTRATION
PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 20260910 – IN0064959 ADD,
DATE OF NOTICE: September 10, 2026
RESPONSE DUE DATE: October 13, 2026

GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc. (GZA), on behalf of Slate Auto LLC, located at 2801 West Old Road 30 in Warsaw, Indiana, Kosciusko County. On July 10, 2026, the applicant submitted an initial Antidegradation Demonstration (ADD) under 327 IAC 2-1.3-5 because Slate Auto is proposing to discharge process wastewater, non-process wastewater, and treated sanitary wastewater to the receiving waterbody, Jacob Maisch Ditch (via the Main Ditch internal conveyance). 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. Published online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notice/>. Please address and send all comments or questions to:

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Permits Branch
100 North Senate Ave 12th Floor East
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Slate Auto is constructing and commissioning a new metal finishing installation and associated Paint/Coating Shop wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The proposed discharge includes non-process wastewater streams including cooling tower blowdown, boiler blowdown, RO reject, carbon filter backwash, water softener brine, stormwater flows, sanitary and process wastewaters. The ADD was completed specifically for the Metal Finishing Point Source Category Standards (40 CFR Part 433) metals including chloride. The Antidegradation Demonstration is posted online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/public-records/virtual-file-cabinet/>. Using the quick search function, search for content ID 84014834. This link will bring up the Antidegradation Demonstration. It is also available for inspection or copies (10¢ per page) at IDEM, Office of Water Quality/Permits Branch, 100 North Senate Ave 12th Floor East, 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.