STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 20261027 – IN0022829 – F+SMV
DATE OF NOTICE: October 27, 2026

The Office of Water Quality has issued the following FINAL NPDES PERMIT and STREAMLINED MERCURY VARIANCE (SMV) RENEWAL:

Major Renewal:

East Chicago Sanitary District WWTP Permit IN0022829, LAKE COUNTY, 5201 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, IN. The City of East Chicago has submitted renewal applications for its NPDES permit and for the SMV for discharges from the WWTP. IDEM has renewed both the NPDES permit and the SMV. This major municipal wastewater treatment plant has an average design flow of 15 million gallons daily of treated sanitary and combined sewer wastewater into the West Branch Grand Calumet River via Outfall 001. Outfall 001 is located at Latitude: 41° 36' 59" N, Longitude: 87° 28' 47" W. Sludge at the facility is disposed of at a landfill. Permit Manager: Jay Hanko at 317-233-0704 or jhanko@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.