



Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Office of Water Quality

Waterways Section

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To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

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3. Project Location: Wilkinson, IN, 46186
Latitude: 39.9166
Longitude: -85.6282

4. Affected Waterbody: Sugar Creek

5. Project Description: The need for this project is based on the deteriorating condition of the existing bridge that carries CR East 900 North over Sugar Creek to maintain a functional roadway and stream crossing. Des 2201632 involves the replacement of the existing bridge, a two-span concrete channel-beam bridge with a length of 72 feet and a width of 22.2 feet. The preferred alternative for this project is to replace the existing structure with a 3-span continuous reinforced concrete slab bridge. The new structure will be approximately 92.5 feet long, with an out-to-out width of 28.5 feet and a clear roadway width of 28 feet. The project will require revetment riprap at both abutments and on the bridge slopes. One stream, Sugar Creek, lies within the project limits and will be affected by the project. The installation of the new western bridge will occur below the OHWM of the stream, which will cause total permanent impacts of 28.5 lft. Temporary impacts will occur below the OHWM due to the use of a temporary dewatering system involving cofferdams, pump arounds, and sump holes. These temporary measures will total 65 lft. Two filter bags will be placed on the west and east banks, with temporary impacts of 8.6 lft. Two cofferdams will be placed on the west and east banks, which will have temporary impacts of 125 lft. Dewatering pumps and sump will be utilized on both banks and will have temporary impacts of 26 lft. These temporary measures will remain within the stream for approximately seven months. Approximately 0.1178 acres of tree removal will occur within all four quadrants of the bridge. Any temporarily disturbed areas will be reseeded with "Modified Seed Mix R" upon completion of construction. Any excavated soil will either be used for regrading or disposed of off-site.

For additional information, visit the Regulatory ePortal at: <https://waterquality.idem.in.gov>

Comment Period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

Submit requests for additional information and written comments to WaterwaysComments@idem.IN.gov. In the subject line of the email, please include the IDEM ID Number listed in the top right corner of the first page of this public notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Comments and inquiries may also be forwarded to -

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