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June 18, 2025

Anne Vogel, U.S. EPA R5 Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
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Re: 2025-2027 Performance Partnership  
Agreement (PPA)

Dear Ms. Vogel:

Please find enclosed the signed Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM's) 2025-2027 Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA). This agreement addresses the negotiated agreement between both agencies.

For questions or if additional information is needed, your staff may contact Patricia Daniel at (317) 234-6562.

Sincerely,

Clint Woods  
Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: Allen Melcer, USEPA R5  
Kimberly O'Lone, USEPA R5  
Martha Robinson, USEPA R5



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# **PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

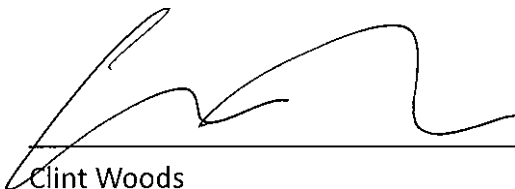
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## Authorizing Signatures

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 2025-2027 (15<sup>th</sup>) Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement amendment is approved on the date of the last signature received.

**For the State of Indiana:**



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Clint Woods  
Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management

6/23/2025

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Date

**For the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5:**

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Anne Vogel  
US EPA Region 5 Administrator  
& Great Lakes National Program Manager

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Date

**Performance Partnership Agreement  
between  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
and  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027**

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**Purpose of the PPA**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (EPA R5) have entered into their 15<sup>th</sup> Performance Partnership Agreement (PPA). This biennial agreement identifies agency priorities and joint priorities, and objectives between the two agencies. The purpose of this agreement includes the following items:

1. Identifying joint priorities and specific program goals,
2. Outlining key strategies for each priority and goal,
3. Describing each agency's roles and responsibilities,
4. Setting the term of this agreement from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

The PPA is a product of the National Environmental Performance Partnership System (NEPPS), a joint initiative of U.S. EPA Headquarters (HQ) and the Environmental Council of States (ECOS). The objective of the NEPPS initiative is to strengthen protection of public health and the environment by directing limited resources toward a state's most pressing environmental issues. The PPA, formed under NEPPS, is designed to provide states and U.S. EPA HQ with flexibility in achieving environmental results and to enhance accountability in realizing environmental progress. The Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) is the federal grant used to fund many of the PPA activities.

**Scope of the PPA**

The PPA primarily focuses on activities that are funded by PPG dollars. The scope of the PPA does not encompass the entire workload of each agency, but is designed to be a concise, strategic document used to focus limited resources on specific outcomes. In addition to the activities described within the PPA, IDEM has more detailed work plans to address and complete the elements committed to within this agreement.

**Grants Covered Under the PPA**

IDEM utilizes the PPA to serve as the work plan for activities to be funded through the PPG. IDEM chooses to include non-PPG federal and state grant activities in the PPA as this structure has successfully provided IDEM more flexibility in the use of federal financial resources to address environmental issues using a multifaceted approach and has reduced the administrative burden of having numerous specific categorical grants tied to work plans. The PPG allows for the continuance of key resource investments that have already been determined to be priority activities. All personnel costs for the 2025-



2027 PPG will be provided in detail by individual program function in the budget narrative portion of the 2025-2027 PPG grant application.

The following PPG federal grant fund activities are included in the PPA:

1. Air Section 105
2. Public Water System Supervision (PWSS)
3. Surface Water Section 106
4. Ground Water Section 106
5. Resource Conservation Recovery Act
6. Toxic Substances Control Act - Polychlorinated Biphenyls

The following non-PPG activities, funded by non-PPG federal grants, are included in the PPA:

1. Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1976
2. Counter Terrorism Safe Drinking Water Act
3. Diesel Emissions Reduction Act

The following activities funded by state monies are included in the PPA:

1. Title V Operating Permits
2. Dedicated Asbestos Trust Fund
3. Water Quality Permits
4. Compliance Monitoring Strategy Funds
5. Permitting and Enforcement Grant
6. Outreach Operator Training
7. Total Maximum Daily Loads Fee

### **Fiscal Responsibility**

With the receipt of federal funds comes the responsibility to successfully track the achievements of the program and demonstrate results. To achieve the goals of transparent grants management, IDEM has incorporated standard operating procedures (SOPs), a grants management policy, and a grants data tracking system to direct the application, receipt, use and closeout of all grants the agency receives. This approach provides for easy information sharing and interaction between the awarding agencies and IDEM.

### **Development and Elements of the PPA**

The development process includes the following:

- a) **Draft Objectives and Activities:** An initial list of PPA activities is drafted by IDEM staff discussing and listing the past, present and future goals of each program area.
- b) **Draft Joint Priority List:** The draft joint priority list is developed from the initial draft of objectives and activities, focusing on those priorities that are funded primarily by EPA R5 grants.

- c) **Draft PPA:** The draft joint priorities are confirmed by IDEM senior staff and compiled into a draft PPA that is then shared with EPA R5 and the rest of the agency.
- d) **Kickoff Meeting:** The draft PPA is presented to EPA R5 during a kickoff meeting, with special time dedicated to the discussion of joint priorities.
- e) **Program Work Group Discussion:** Program work groups from both agencies will meet jointly to discuss work plans, goals and PPA priorities.
- f) **Final PPA:** The final PPA is a result of shared discussions and mutual agreement between the agencies.

The elements include the following:

- 1. **Accountability:** The PPA provides a framework for accountability by clearly identifying IDEM and EPA R5 actions, roles and program area contacts.
- 2. **Midterm Assessment:** The PPA requires a joint assessment of the activity work plans. The midterm joint assessment is comprised of two activities between IDEM and EPA R5: The midterm assessment meeting (if needed) and the Midterm Assessment (MA) Report. The meeting and report occur at the end of the first year of a PPA cycle and highlight successful program achievements, identify areas that need improvement and/or additional resources, and provide a mechanism for discussions and adjustments in specific program directions or approaches.
- 3. **Final Assessment Report:** The reporting elements of the PPA will be incorporated into a formal closure report, referred to in this agreement as the Final Assessment (FA) Report.
- 4. **Flexibility:** The PPA is viewed as a “living document” that is flexible and can be modified, upon agreement, to reflect changes in IDEM and EPA R5 needs.

## **Roles of IDEM and EPA R5**

This agreement defines the roles that both IDEM and EPA R5 will undertake to meet the program commitments. IDEM and EPA R5 recognize the primary role of IDEM is administering federal environmental programs delegated to the state under federal law and carrying out state programs prescribed under state law. EPA R5's role in assisting IDEM includes addressing multi-state or national issues directly, implementing programs not delegated to IDEM, and working on targeted sectors, watersheds or air sheds in conjunction with IDEM. Several activities are common to both IDEM and EPA R5, such as permitting, compliance, enforcement, monitoring and outreach.

## **Enforcement and Compliance Assurance**

Program specific compliance and enforcement activities accomplished during the term of this PPA are included in the detailed branch level priorities and the state program specific plans. The following tenets serve as the foundation for IDEM and EPA R5 relationships with respect to compliance and enforcement activities:

- Utilization of the most effective application of compliance tools to encourage regulated facilities to maintain and, where possible, exceed compliance with

environmental laws (e.g., compliance assistance, compliance assurance, administrative/civil enforcement, and criminal prosecution).

- Utilization of joint preplanning to coordinate priorities, maximize agency resources, avoid duplication of efforts, eliminate unexpected circumstances, and institutionalize communication.
- Management for internal and/or external environmental results.

In addition to providing guidance to IDEM, EPA R5 has a continuing role in environmental protection in Indiana. EPA R5 carries out its responsibilities in a variety of ways, including:

- Acting as an environmental steward, ensuring that national standards for the protection of human health and the environment are implemented, monitored, and enforced consistently in all states.
- Assisting in conducting inspections and enforcement actions.
- Providing compliance and technical assistance to the state and its regulated entities.
- Providing science-based information to the state and its regulated entities.

Under this agreement, IDEM and EPA R5 retain their authorities and responsibilities to conduct enforcement and compliance assistance. Enforcement will be accomplished in the spirit of cooperation and trust. Specific federal enforcement and compliance assistance responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Working on national priorities and regional priorities.
- Ensuring a level playing field and national consistency across state boundaries.
- Addressing interstate and international pollution (e.g., watersheds and ambient air).
- Addressing criminal violations.
- Conducting enforcement to assure compliance with federal consent decrees, consent agreements, federal interagency agreements, judgments, and orders.
- Conducting state reviews in accordance with the National State Review Framework, ensuring that follow-up actions that resulted from this review are carried out in a timely and effective manner.

## **Quality Management Plans**

IDEM's Quality Management Plan (QMP) documents IDEM's current quality system for environmental data operations. IDEM's QMP, dated May 11, 2023, was approved on December 8, 2023 and is valid for up to five years, through December 2028. A revised and updated QMP must be submitted for EPA R5 review and approval if significant changes to IDEM's structure, operations, or quality system occur.

Under the current approved QMP, IDEM will continue to self-approve all Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) and any other quality system documentation required by non-competitive assistance agreements and delegated programs. All QAPPs and associated quality system documentation required under competitive assistance

agreements, by EPA R5 programs, and/or by federal statute to be approved by EPA R5 will be submitted as required for review and approval.

To allow EPA R5 to assess implementation of IDEM's approved QMP as well as quality activities related to assistance agreements, IDEM will submit the following information to the EPA R5 Quality Manager:

1. Electronic copies of all signed, self-approved QAPPs on a quarterly basis. IDEM, at their option, may upload QAPPs on an on-going basis to the EPA R5/Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) QA Track database. EPA R5 will provide written feedback to IDEM on self-approved QAPPs submitted.
2. An annual report submitted by January 31 of each year, as required by the QMP, accompanied by a letter that confirms that the quality system documented in the approved QMP is still in effect, identifies any minor revisions incorporated in the QMP during the preceding year as well as any that are anticipated, and lists all QAPPs that were self-approved during the preceding year.
3. IDEM and EPA R5 will continue their on-going periodic (currently quarterly) QA conference calls to share information intended to assist with the implementation of IDEM's quality program. IDEM also participates in monthly Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) QA conference calls chaired by the Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) QA Manager.

## Reporting

IDEM will continue to report to EPA R5 the necessary information, as required and agreed upon, including required timelines. It is recognized that reporting requirements beyond those specifically mentioned in this agreement do exist. Those requirements often relate to populating national databases or to tracking performance against priority activities identified in the internal IDEM work plans. These requirements may be embodied in a variety of existing agreements and are not reiterated in this agreement. IDEM will reference its website and other existing reports as supporting documentation for the PPA and the PPG. Both IDEM and EPA R5 will report through the MA and FA Reports.

Reporting through the MA Report and the FA Report is completed using the following status tools and a justification of that status for each performance measure:

1. **Complete.** The performance measure elements are complete.
2. **In progress.** The performance measure is progressing towards a specific goal, objective, or deadline.
3. **Ongoing.** The performance measure is progressing and will be a continuing measure in the next PPA cycle.
4. **Incomplete.** The performance measure has not been adequately addressed.
5. **Project withdrawn.** The performance measure has been withdrawn due to stated reasons or fiscal constraints.

Along with contacts for both IDEM and EPA R5, at least one goal and objective from the FY 2022-2026 U.S. EPA's Strategic Plan is assigned to each activity to demonstrate IDEM's efforts to contribute to U.S. EPA's overall goals.



Additionally, the funding sources for each activity are indicated by one of the following:

1. **PPG.** Funds come from the PPG, including the state and federal match portions.
2. **State.** Funds come from the State of Indiana and no federal funds are received to support this measure.
3. **Federal.** Funds come from a federal grant other than the PPG, and, when possible, the specific grant is listed.

If IDEM is presented with a funding shortfall for any performance measure funded by federal dollars agreed upon or negotiated in the PPA, both parties reserve the right to renegotiate and discuss removal of performance measures from the PPA.

### **Joint Priorities**

Joint priorities represent a subset of environmental program responsibilities that IDEM and EPA R5 agree represent investment priorities.

Examples of joint priorities are as follows:

1. The program area is an important, newly developed initiative that requires the attention of both IDEM and EPA R5 to adequately develop and implement.
2. The program area is at risk of functioning inadequately, creating a significant vulnerability to the integrity of environmental protection.
3. The program area represents a long-term strategic investment opportunity.
4. The program area offers the opportunity to demonstrate innovations to promote environmental improvements or enable efficiency enhancements.

IDEM and EPA R5 have identified the following Joint Priorities:

#### Air Quality Joint Priorities

There are no joint priorities for the Air Program.

#### Land Quality Joint Priorities

There are no joint priorities for the Land Program

#### Water Quality Joint Priorities

There are no joint priorities for the Water Program.

#### E-Enterprise Joint Priorities

EPA R5 and IDEM will work to collaboratively streamline and apply advanced technology across agencies and programs to make business processes more efficient and effective. E-Enterprise will be implemented by operating in a joint governance partnership to: 1) improve environmental protection through better program performance by streamlining and modernizing business processes and promoting the use of advanced information and monitoring technologies; and 2) enhance services to stakeholders and partners while reducing transaction costs and burdens for the regulated community and governmental agencies. IDEM and EPA will work to increase

coordination and information sharing between and across the Regions and States by using the E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform (EECIP) when appropriate.

### **Joint Planning and Evaluation of Performance**

40 CFR 35.115 requires Indiana and U.S. EPA to develop a process for jointly evaluating the work plan components and activities agreed to under this PPA. The evaluation process will include the following items:

1. A discussion of accomplishments as measured against work plan commitments,
2. A discussion of the cumulative effectiveness of the work performed under all work plan components,
3. A discussion of existing and potential problem areas; and
4. Suggestions for improvement, including, where feasible, schedules for making improvements.

The R5 Joint Evaluation process includes three main components:

1. Review of the joint Annual Assessment Reports (called the Midterm Assessment (MA) Report and Final Assessment (FA) Report in the IDEM-EPA R5 PPA.)
2. Program evaluation activities including program meetings, conference calls, on-site visits, or advanced post-award monitoring activities defined under U.S. EPA Order 5700.6A2, "Policy on Compliance, Review and Monitoring"
3. Midterm Assessment Meeting (optional)

Indiana and EPA R5 agree that evaluations will occur via the submission of the joint Annual Assessment Reports and in accordance with each program's post-award management process (e.g., meetings, conference calls, on-site reviews, etc.)

Joint Annual Assessment Reports will be submitted 90 calendar days after the annual reporting period for this PPA and will meet the requirements of 2 CFR 200.328 and 40 CFR 35.115. Final financial and performance reports will also be submitted 90 calendar days after the end of the PPA period per the closeout requirements of 2 CFR 200.343. Indiana will notify the EPA R5 if there are delays in meeting these deadlines.

Additionally, program meetings, conference calls, and other post-award management activities may be used to satisfy the Joint Evaluation requirements only if both of the following are true:

1. The activity covers the evaluation process requirements of 40 CFR 35.115; and
2. There is documentation summarizing the evaluation activity. Program documentation may include email/letter correspondence, meeting minutes, or a program report.

Indiana and EPA R5 agree that all evaluation reports will be included in both agencies' files in accordance with 35.115(d). The evaluation process schedule is as follows:

## **Actions/Deadlines**

2023-2025 PPA Ends	June 30, 2025
2025-2027 PPA begins	July 1, 2025
FA Report (2023-2025 PPA)	September 2025
EPA R5 sends comments on FA Report (2023-2025 PPA)	December 2025
IDEM/EPA R5 Midterm Senior Management Planning Meeting (if needed) 2025-2027 PPA)	February 2026
Joint Midterm Assessment Meeting (if needed) (2025-2027 PPA)	April/May 2026
Midterm Assessment (MA) Report (2025-2027 PPA)	September 2026
EPA R5 sends comments on MA Report (2025-2027 PPA)	December 2026
IDEM Senior Management Planning Meeting (2027-2029 PPA)	February 2027
IDEM and EPA R5 Kickoff Meeting (2027-2029 PPA)	March/April 2027
Draft PPA negotiated and finalized (2027-2029 PPA)	April/May 2027
2027 - 2029 PPA begins	July 1, 2027

The success of each outcome of this agreement relies on clear, constructive communication and the commitment of IDEM and EPA R5 to work together to implement IDEM's Plan-Do-Check-Act model to solve problems and improve the programs. If any differences exist on specific issues or problems, IDEM and EPA R5 should move quickly to resolve them at the staff level or elevate the issue through the dispute resolution process.

## **PPA and PPA Reporting**

The Authorizing Signatures page for the final PPA and final reports will be the EPA R5 Regional Administrator and the IDEM Commissioner. The EPA R5 Regional Administrator and the IDEM Commissioner will sign the final Midterm Assessment and Final Assessment Reports. Electronic copies of the documents shall be addressed to the EPA R5 Regional Administrator and emailed to the EPA R5 project officer.

## **Mutual Accountability**

The approach from direct oversight to mutual accountability and joint assessment is a shift from the traditional approach. IDEM and EPA R5 will jointly assess each program element and determine the appropriate course change as needed. EPA R5 will review and act on new regulations in program areas that impact Indiana's authorization or where federal statute, or regulation requires EPA R5 review and approval of state actions (e.g., water quality standards).

## **Dispute Resolution Process**

IDEM and EPA R5 will use the following agreed-upon dispute resolution process to handle the conflicts that may arise during the execution of this agreement. The resolution process will be treated as an opportunity to improve joint efforts and not as an indication of failure. For the purpose of this agreement, the following definitions will apply:

- **Dispute:** Any disagreement over an issue that prevents a matter from going forward.
- **Resolution Process:** A process whereby the parties move from disagreement to agreement over an issue.

### **Informal Dispute Resolution Guiding Principles**

- Recognize conflict as a normal part of the state/federal relationship.
- Approach disagreement as a mutual problem requiring efforts from both agencies to resolve.
- Approach the conflict as an opportunity to improve joint efforts.
- Aim for resolution at the staff level, while keeping management informed.
- Disclose underlying assumptions, frames of reference and other driving forces.
- Clearly differentiate positions and check understanding of content and process with all appropriate or affected parties.
- Document discussions to minimize future misunderstandings.
- Pay attention to time frames and/or deadlines and escalate quickly when necessary.

### **Formal Conflict Resolution**

There are several formalized programmatic conflict resolution procedures that may need to be invoked if the informal route has failed to resolve all issues. Examples include:

- 40 CFR 31.70 (outlines the formal grant dispute procedures).
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) conflict resolution procedure.
- Superfund program dispute resolution contract that provides neutral third parties to facilitate conflict resolution for projects accepted into the program.

For matters involving this agreement, the following procedures will be utilized:

1. **Principle:** Disputes should be resolved at the front line or staff level, when feasible.
2. **Time frame:** Disputes should be resolved as quickly as possible and within two weeks of the issue arising at the staff level. If unresolved at the end of two weeks, the issue should be raised to the next staff level of each agency.
3. **Escalation:** When there is no resolution of the issue and the two weeks have passed, there should be comparable escalation in each agency, accompanied by a statement of the issue and a one-page issue paper. A conference call between the parties should be held as soon as possible. Disputes that need to be raised to a higher level should again be raised in comparable fashion in each agency, until a resolution is obtained.

### **Environmental Conditions in Indiana**

While objective environmental quality measurements show that Hoosiers and the environment are safer today than at any time since data has been collected, several

environmental challenges still need to be addressed. IDEM's history shows that IDEM can continue to build on its improvements in order to protect Hoosier health and our environment. Below are steps IDEM has taken to provide a cleaner, healthier Indiana for all Hoosiers.

## **Air**

Indiana's air quality has improved significantly during the last 30 years. Regulatory programs aimed at emission reductions for vehicles and industry have reduced smog and dust levels throughout the state. Voluntary programs, such as ozone education and awareness, diesel retrofits and anti-idling policies, have played an important role in improving Indiana's air quality. In 2009, for the first time since air quality standards were developed in the 1970s, all Hoosiers were breathing air that met current health-based standards. A 2017 report, *State's View of the Air*, shows an improved trend in air quality continuing in the Hoosier state. Indiana is close to meeting all standards throughout the state.

IDEM has been operating an air-toxics monitoring network to measure and track hazardous air pollutants since 1999. IDEM has adopted into state law the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants, which provide industry-specific control technology requirements, so that the state can enforce these federal standards, reducing Hoosiers' exposure to harmful air toxics. IDEM will continue to work to reduce pollutant levels, so every Hoosier has healthy air to breathe.

## **Land**

Considerable progress has been made by IDEM's Office of Land Quality (OLQ). Regulations, compliance and enforcement programs aimed at addressing entities that treat, store, generate or dispose of contaminants have had significant impact on the quality of land in Indiana.

In addition to other programs, IDEM has, and will continue to, focus on corrective actions at hazardous waste facilities and leaking underground storage tank sites. Considerable resources have been focused on obtaining and addressing the environmental indicators established through the Government Performance and Results Act. In addition to corrective actions, IDEM is working to more accurately identify owners and operators of underground storage tanks and provide assistance to assure compliance with tank regulations.

A major priority for IDEM has been work on the Grand Calumet River and Indiana Harbor Shipping Canal. IDEM provides technical assistance and permit review for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Federal navigational dredging project in the Indiana Harbor Shipping Canal. Dredging commenced in September 2012 and will continue for the next thirty (30) years. IDEM will continue to assist the USACE with all applicable permitting and technical issues throughout the project. IDEM will also continue to fulfill its role as beneficiary to settlement trust funds from the 1990 bankruptcy of the former East Chicago, Indiana (ECI) Facility in East Chicago. These funds are administered by the East Chicago Waterway Management District for the

cleanup of the ECI properties and long-term monitoring and maintenance of the on-site CDF. IDEM reviews and approves the use of the funds.

Along with educating and providing technical assistance to businesses and communities, IDEM's work to issue permits, conduct inspections, respond to accidental spills and oversee cleanups continue to foster marked improvement in the state's land quality each year.

## **Water**

IDEM continues to monitor and assess water quality and to identify general causes and sources of surface water impairments within the state. Many of the specific outputs listed within the water work plan section of this agreement are intended to focus on and address water impairments. IDEM will continue to develop total maximum daily load (TMDL) calculations for priority classes of waters as identified for U.S. EPA's TMDL vision and as required by Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act, to identify sources contributing to the impairment of Indiana's surface water. Additionally, IDEM issues 401 Water Quality Certifications to ensure Indiana's water quality standards are met.

IDEM timely issues protective National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and maintains exemplary compliance and enforcement of those permits to reduce water impairments resulting from point sources. Additionally, IDEM tracks long term control plan (LTCP) implementation milestones established to reduce the incidence of combined sewer overflows (CSOs), which also contribute to the impairment of Indiana's waters.

Reduction of impairments is critical for the protection of Indiana's public water supply systems (PWSSs). IDEM has assessed most of Indiana's PWSSs to inventory potential contaminants and determine water system susceptibility to contamination. IDEM works with PWSSs to help them understand the assessment information and develop and implement plans to protect drinking water sources and maintain compliance to ensure safe water is delivered to the public.

IDEM's Office of Water Quality (OWQ) is committed to meeting its obligations outlined within this agreement. OWQ is working to effectively utilize its resources to meet those commitments. However, with competing priorities and additional obligations, trade-offs may need to be discussed during the execution of this agreement.

## **Outlook**

Indiana, in partnership with EPA R5 and other stakeholders, can be proud of its environmental record, but must be ready for continuing challenges. This agreement, addressing near-term focus points and program specific elements and corresponding work plans, is designed to outline those commitments. The outcomes are intended to improve environmental conditions in the state of Indiana and provide a mechanism to track the improvement.



# Work Plans for Joint Priorities and Program Goals and Objectives

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## Office of Air Quality (OAQ)

While EPA R5 has established goals for each objective, the tasks covered do not always encompass all phases of the goal. For example, many objectives are listed under the goal, "Taking action on improving air quality."

Title V Operating Permits (TVOPs) and Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment NSR (PSD/NA NSR) Permits			A-1
IDEM Contact(s): Jenny Acker	EPA R5 Contact(s): Genevieve Damico	Due Date: Ongoing	
EPA R5 Role: Provide program assistance.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	State fees for Title V; and EPA R5 with state match for PSD/NA NSR programs.		

Issue all TVOPs and PSD/NA NSR permits in a timely manner consistent with federal and state requirements:

- a) Track progress of all TVOP applications received by IDEM.
- b) Timely issuance of all TVOPs – IDEM will ensure progress is made on all pending initial TVOP applications.
- c) Timely issuance of all TVOP renewals – IDEM will ensure progress is made on all pending TVOP renewal applications so that these renewals are issued prior to the expiration of their current TVOP, or so that late applications are issued within nine months of receipt of the application.
- d) IDEM will provide semi-annual updates to the Title V Operating Permit System (TOPS) database by January 31 and July 31 of each year.
- e) Provide quarterly updates to the Reasonably Available Control Technology/Best Available Control Technology/Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (RACT/BACT/LAER) Clearinghouse (RBLC) for each PSD/NA NSR permit issued.
- f) IDEM will identify issues and EPA R5 will provide program assistance for TVOPs, PSD/NA NSR permits, and synthetic minor permits as necessary.

**Conduct Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Throughout Indiana****A-2**

IDEM Contact(s): Steve Lengerich

EPA R5 Contact(s): Michael Compher

Due Date: Ongoing

EPA R5 Role: Regulatory advice, funding and review.

Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.

Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism and Cross-Agency Partnership.

Funding: PPG

- a. Operate and maintain an ambient air monitoring network to determine compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and conduct Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) monitoring according to 40 CFR 58, approved monitoring plans, and the quality management plan/quality assurance project plans (QMP/QAPPS).
- b. Perform laboratory analysis of collected lead and PM samples.
- c. Submit annual network plan required by 40 CFR 58.10 by July 1 of the prior year unless another schedule has been approved by EPA R5. For any unanticipated modifications to the state network, provide written communication for any unplanned State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) site changes to EPA for review and approval per 40 CFR 58.14(b).
- d. Maintain a standards laboratory operation by the continued use of the most current lab standards and continued use of state-of-the-art techniques to produce the most accurate certifications possible.
- e. Investigate new equivalent analytical methods of testing through new equipment.
- f. Provide for (or participate in) adequate, independent quality assurance audits for the monitoring activities supported by this grant, including Pb Performance Evaluation Program (Pb-PEP) and National Performance Audit Program (NPAP).
- g. Operate, evaluate, and improve monitoring procedures and data reporting of the Photochemical Analytical Monitoring Strategy (PAMS) monitoring in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- h. Perform a quality assurance (QA) network evaluation.
- i. Conduct data analysis to determine improvement and degradation of air quality.
- j. Perform annual industry and CASTNET evaluations (systems audit). Provide information to EPA R5.
- k. Annually review and update the AMB QAPPS.
- l. Submit ambient concentration and quality assurance data to Air Quality System (AQS), according to schedule in 40 CFR 58.
- m. I Certify all parameters required under 40 CFR part 58.15 according to the schedule in that part.
- n. Submit 5-year network assessments required by 40 CFR part 58.10(d).

- o. Submit certification to EPA R5 each year that:
  - Confirms IDEM's QMP is still in effect.
  - Identifies needed revisions to the QMP.
  - Commit funds to adequately support the monitoring program.
  - Coordinate and oversee work performed by contractors or other organizations.
- p. EPA R5 will provide regulatory advice, funding and review.
- q. Conduct required (monthly or quarterly) QC/QA flow checks/verifications and semi-annual flow audits of Pb, PM10. Submit all QC/QA flow checks, verifications, and semi-annual flow audit results to the Air Quality Systems (AQS).
- r. Participate in U.S. EPA's Technical System Audits, develop a corrective action plan to address findings, and address audit findings by completing corrective actions.
- s. Participate in EPA R5 Round Robin performance evaluations and National Round Robin for NATTS PT for VOCs.
- t. Participate in the Protocol Gas Verification on a three- year rotation.
- u. Attend and participate in U.S. EPA's national and/or regional conferences and training pertinent to air quality monitoring, quality assurance, and data reporting (e.g., the National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference). Attend other meetings/conference calls, as necessary.
- v. In response to U.S. Government Accountability Office findings, support EPA in developing an asset management framework for consistently sustaining the national ambient air quality monitoring system and developing an ambient air monitoring modernization plan.
- w. Ensure network information technology and data security follow best practices (e.g., strong passwords, routine updates/patches on devices, routine reviews of diagnostic data) and immediately report any cyber-attacks or incidents on air monitoring networks to your organizations responsible IT director and then US EPA.

Air Toxics Monitoring, Risk Analysis and Reduction		A-3
IDEM Contact(s): Steve Lengerich, Scott Deloney	EPA R5 Contact(s): Michael Compher, Alexis Cain, Rae Trine	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Risk assessment and data analysis advice, special grant funding and review. Collaborate with IDEM as appropriate to evaluate and mitigate localized air toxics.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

IDEM will perform the following activities, if the agency maintains the financial wherewithal to do so:

- a. Conduct effective non-criteria pollutant monitoring. Maintain Indiana Air Toxic Monitoring Program. Conduct data analysis and assessment of air toxics monitoring data.
- b. Implement delegated or approved air toxic standards, as appropriate, for major sources and area sources.
- c. Implement delegated residual risk standards.
- d. Assess and address local air toxic issues, including the combined impact of multiple sources of air toxics, and support efforts to reduce emissions encouraging voluntary reductions of air toxics.
- e. Prepare and submit HAP data to the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) in accordance with U.S. EPA Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR). Quality assure and revise NEI data; respond to U.S. EPA comments.
- f. EPA R5 will provide risk assessment and data analysis advice, inform IDEM of special grant funding and review, and collaborate with IDEM, as appropriate, to evaluate and mitigate localized air toxics.
- g. Participate in the quarterly State/Region 5 risk assessment conference calls. Participate in the annual State/Region 5 air toxics meeting. (Voluntary)

<b>Make Air Monitoring Information Publicly Available</b>		<b>A-4</b>
IDEM Contact(s): Steve Lengerich	EPA R5 Contact(s): Michael Compher	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Timely advice and reviews.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

Continue to assess and modify Indiana's air monitoring program and make monitoring information available to the public.

- a) Provide current data from all active continuous monitoring sites to the public via the agency website.
- b) Provide past data from active continuous and intermittent monitoring sites and past data from recently discontinued sites.
- c) Maintain air quality index (AQI) reporting in designated cities.
- d) Submit hourly pollutant and meteorological data to AIRNow.
- e) EPA R5 will provide timely advice and reviews.

<b>Data Management and Display System (DMDS)</b>		<b>A-5</b>
IDEM Contact(s): Brian Sandstrom	EPA R5 Contact(s): Michael Compher	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Timely advice and reviews.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

Collect real time air quality information using DMDS.

- a) Maintain DMDS to collect, store, and report air quality data.
- b) Maintain logging and automatic calibration equipment at all continuous monitoring sites.
- c) Deploy DMDS at all newly established continuous monitoring site locations.
- d) EPA R5 will provide timely advice and reviews.

<b>Implementation of 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)</b>		<b>A-6</b>
IDEM Contact(s): Scott Deloney	EPA R5 Contact(s): USEPA R5 Attainment Planning and Maintenance Section (APMS) Chief (Sarah Arra)	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Timely advice and reviews.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

Successfully implement the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

- a) Monitor attainment status for areas designated nonattainment.
- b) Develop and submit State Implementation Plans (SIPs), if necessary.
- c) EPA R5 will provide timely advice and reviews.

<b>SO<sub>2</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)</b>		<b>A-7</b>
IDEM Contact(s): Scott Deloney	EPA R5 Contact(s): APMS Section Chief (Sarah Arra)	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Timely advice and reviews.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

- a) Implement the data requirements rule. Oversee ongoing monitoring.
- b) Conduct annual emissions evaluations to determine if updated characterization is needed.
- c) Prepare and submit attainment SIPs, as necessary.
- d) Monitor attainment status for areas designated nonattainment.
- e) EPA R5 will provide timely advice and reviews.



Redesignation Petitions and Maintenance Plans			A-8
IDEM Contact(s): Scott Deloney	EPA R5 Contact(s): APMS Section Chief (Sarah Arra) and Michael Langman	Due Date: Ongoing	
EPA R5 Role: Timely advice and reviews.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Ari, Land and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	PPG		

- a) Prepare and submit redesignation petitions and maintenance plans within six months of monitoring data being quality assured for each new area that attains a NAAQS.
- b) Develop and submit attainment SIPs as necessary.
- c) EPA R5 will provide timely advice and reviews.

Regional Haze		A-9
IDEM Contact(s): Scott Deloney	EPA R5 Contact(s): Michael Langman	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Timely advice and reviews.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

- a) Coordinate through the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium a course review of implementation status.
- b) Coordinate with EPA R5 on review of 2<sup>nd</sup> phase SIP submittal.
- c) EPA R5 will provide timely advice and reviews.

Transportation Conformity		A-10
IDEM Contact(s): Shawn Seals	EPA R5 Contact(s): Michael Langman, Francisco Acevedo, Anthony Maietta	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Timely advice and reviews.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

- a) Work with local Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), EPA R5, and state and federal transportation agencies on future conformity determinations, as needed.
- b) Work with transportation agencies as appropriate to update mobile SIP budgets in response to changing needs such as updates to the mobile model MOVES or other changes.
- c) Work with local MPOs, EPA R5, and state and federal transportation agencies on future transportation conformity SIP revisions, as needed.
- d) EPA R5 will provide timely advice and reviews.



## Office of Air Quality (OAQ) - Enforcement

<b>Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) for Asbestos</b>		<b>AE-1</b>
IDEM Contact(s): Janusz Johnson & Dan Stamatkin	EPA R5 Contact(s): Nathan Frank and Mariana Foster	Due Date: September 30, 2027
EPA R5 Role: Provide program assistance as requested.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	Dedicated – Asbestos Trust	

- a) Implement a compliance and enforcement program for asbestos inspections and compliance evaluation of asbestos notifications, licensed asbestos contractors, and stationary asbestos sources.
- b) Submit an annual report to EPA R5 on asbestos demolition/renovation notifications submitted by the owner/operator, compliance evaluations conducted, and enforcement actions initiated by IDEM. The report will be submitted by October 31, 2025, for FY25 and by October 31, 2026, for FY26. The report will be submitted alphabetically by owner/operator and will include the number of asbestos demolition/renovation notifications received, warning letters, Notice of Violations (NOVs), Referrals, Agreed Orders, State Court Orders/Decrees, and penalties assessed.

<b>Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) for Title V and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP)</b>		<b>AE-2</b>
IDEM Contact(s): Janusz Johnson	EPA R5 Contact(s): Nathan Frank and Marianna Foster	Due Date: September 30, 2027
EPA R5 Role: Review Clean Air Act Stationary Source Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) Policy and work closely with OAQ staff to ensure any issues are satisfactorily addressed.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	Dedicated Title V Fund	

Develop and implement the Clean Air Act Stationary Source Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) Plan for Title V and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permitted (FESOP) source inspections and compliance evaluations consistent with the Clean Air Act Stationary Source Compliance Monitoring Strategy, October 2016.

- a) Submit CMS Plan for review and negotiation with EPA R5 by August 31, 2025, for FY26, and August 31, 2026, FY27. Implementation of the final CMS Plan for FY26 will begin on October 1, 2025, and on October 1, 2026, for FY27. The CMS Plan will meet The Clean Air Act Stationary Source Compliance Monitoring Strategy, October 2016 policy. The CMS source category and frequency flags will be completed by

IDEM for the Title V major and synthetic minor with the potential to emit at or above 80 percent major source threshold (SM80) source universe in the Integrated Compliance Information System – Air (ICIS–Air) by November 30, 2025, for FY26 and November 30, 2026, for FY27.

- b) EPA R5 shall submit a written response to IDEM concerning the CMS plan by December 31, 2025, for FY26 and December 31, 2026, for FY27.
- c) Implement the CMS plan for full compliance evaluations:
  - Conduct full compliance evaluations (FCE) of Part 70 sources once every two years, except mega-sites, gas compressor stations and gas turbines facilities.
  - Mega-sites will be identified in the CMS plan and an FCE of those sites will be conducted once every three years.
  - Gas compressor stations, gas turbine facilities, and contractors that are associated with the five mega-sites that have separate source identification numbers will be identified in the CMS plan as Alternate Frequency sources. The contractors that are associated with the five mega-sites that have separate source identification numbers will receive an FCE a minimum of once every three years and Title V major gas compressor station and gas/oil turbine generating station sources will receive an FCE a minimum of once every five years.
  - Conduct full compliance evaluations of all FESOP sources once every five years, except as noted in the CMS.
  - In those years where full compliance evaluations are not conducted, partial compliance evaluations will be completed, including review of annual compliance certifications, review of quarterly deviation reports, review of emergency reports and review of the various emissions reports.
- d) Submit compliance and enforcement information within the standards required for reporting per The Clean Air Act Stationary Source Compliance Monitoring Strategy, October 2016 (CMS), The Clean Air Act National Stack Testing Guidance, April 27, 2009, Timely and Appropriate Enforcement Response to High Priority Violations – Revised 2014 (HPV policy), The Guidance on Federal Reportable Violations for Clean Air Act Stationary Sources – September 2014 (FRV policy), and the current Information Collection Request (ICR) for ICIS–Air. Ensure data is complete, accurate, timely, and that data is consistent with U.S. EPA policies and guidance. This reporting effort also includes the verification of data used by the State Review Framework (SRF) which is made available to the public.
- e) Respond to complaints, including those referred from EPA R5. Inspections are conducted where necessary.
- f) EPA R5 will provide compliance and enforcement support and guidance and make training available to IDEM staff, as needed.
- g) Prepare enforcement cases according to IDEM's Compliance and Enforcement Response Non-Rule Policy (CERP) and guidance, and U.S. EPA's Timely and Appropriate Enforcement Response to High Priority Violations (HPV policy) –

Revised 2014. IDEM will review findings and prepare enforcement cases according to the HPV Policy, IDEM CERP and guidance, and the IDEM Civil Penalty Non-rule Policy Document for noncompliance with statutes, rules or permits.

- h) Participate in enforcement/settlement negotiation conferences and follow-up on the requirements of IDEM's Agreed and/or Commissioner's Order.
- i) EPA R5 and IDEM will conduct bi-monthly conference calls to discuss planning, program progress, compliance and enforcement issues, HPVs, data issues, reporting, efforts to resolve violations and input on design and development of future ICIS–Air versions. EPA R5 and IDEM will have initial case-specific consultations to discuss case development and resolution timeframes for state lead HPV cases not addressed within 180 days from the Day Zero.

## Office of Land Quality (OLQ)

Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Corrective Action (CA)			L-1
IDEM Contact(s): Don Stilz	EPA R5 Contact(s): Shilpa Patel, Dimitri Acosta	Due Date: June 30, 2026 & June 30, 2027	
EPA R5 Role: Contractor support for sampling and risk review at selected sites.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	PPG		

IDEM supports EPA R5's Integrated Cleanup Initiative to improve the accountability, transparency, and effectiveness of all of our cleanup programs. IDEM will coordinate the activities of its RCRA CA, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, Brownfields, Toxic Substances Control Act, and Superfund programs to reduce risks to human health and the environment, by assessing and cleaning up contaminated sites to appropriate land use-based levels and put them back into productive use.

In support of our coordinated efforts, IDEM will meet the requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

- a) For the 2030 Universe facilities, of which 92 are assigned for state lead, IDEM will achieve the following GPRA corrective action goals:
  - By September 30, 2025: IDEM will accomplish two additional Environmental Indicators from each of the following categories: CA725, CA750, CA550, CA800, and CA900. IDEM will strive to enter all event codes into RCRAInfo by September 1, 2025.
  - By September 30, 2026: IDEM will accomplish the following additional Environmental Indicators from each of the following categories: 3 CA725, 2 CA750, 2 CA550, 2 CA800. and 3 CA900. IDEM will strive to enter all event codes into RCRAInfo by September 1, 2026.

Hazardous Waste Permitting and Post-Closure			L-2
IDEM Contact(s): Don Stilz	EPA R5 Contact(s): Norberto Gonzalez	Due Date: June 30, 2026 & June 30, 2027	
EPA R5 Role: Provide program assistance.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	PPG		

Permit priority will be given to application submittals that are subject to Indiana's permit accountability statute. EPA R5 is in the process of developing permit and renewal baselines. The FFY 25-27 baselines will be completed by the end of September 2026.

- a) For a renewal application that is received 180 days before the permit expiration date, IDEM will issue the permit renewal within 180 days of the

permit expiration date; otherwise, IDEM will issue permit renewals within 365 days from the date of receipt of the renewal application.

- b) Upon request, EPA R5 will provide timely boiler and industrial furnaces (BIF) and risk assessment assistance to complete hazardous waste facility permitting actions in accordance with U.S. EPA Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) goals.
- c) By September 30, 2027, the percentage of updated permits at RCRA facilities will increase to 80% from the FY 2021 baseline of 72.7%.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Inspections of Generators			L-3
IDEM Contact(s): Susan Lowry	EPA R5 Contact(s): Todd Brown, Graciela Scambiaterra	Due Date: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027	
EPA R5 Role: Conduct inspections of at least six large quantity generators (LQGs). Inspect other facilities handling hazardous waste as necessary. Criteria for U.S. EPA's selection of installations may include: (a) requests from IDEM, (b) installations subject to open federal enforcement judicial and/or administrative decrees/orders, (c) installations that have not been inspected in the past, and (d) installations under Regional and National priority sectors and/or initiatives.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	PPG		

- a) Each state fiscal year, IDEM will, by June 30 of that respective year, conduct Compliance Evaluation Inspections (CEIs) at a minimum of 20 percent of the large quantity generator (LQG) universe that exists in the RCRAInfo database. The universe will be determined using data that exists in the RCRAInfo database as of June 1 of the previous state fiscal year.
- b) EPA R5 will conduct inspections of at least six large quantity generators (LQGs). EPA R5 will inspect other facilities handling hazardous waste as necessary. Criteria for EPA R5's selection of installations may include: (a) requests from IDEM, (b) installations subject to open federal enforcement judicial and/or administrative decrees/orders, (c) installations that have not been inspected in the past, and (d) installations under regional and national priority sectors and/or initiatives.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Inspections of Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDs)			L-4
IDEM Contact(s): Susan Lowry & Don Stilz	EPA R5 Contact(s): Todd Brown, Graciela Scambiaterra	Due Date: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027	
EPA R5 Role: EPA R5 will independently inspect at least two additional operating TSDs for all permit requirements for each year. EPA R5 will perform annual inspections at all operating TSDs owned or operated by state and local governments.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	PPG		

- a) Each fiscal year, IDEM will inspect 50 percent of all Treatment, Storage

and Disposal facilities (TSDs) with a current operating permit for active permitted units. IDEM will conduct a CEI at all 17 of the operating TSDFs at least once every two years.

- b) IDEM will conduct a Financial Record Review at 100 percent of the facilities that require such review.
- c) IDEM will inspect, at least once every three (3) years, TSD facilities that are no longer in the operating universe, but still have compliance requirements. These inspections are required in the September 2021 Compliance Monitoring Strategy from the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
- d) EPA R5 will independently inspect at least two operating TSDs for all permit requirements for each year. EPA R5 will perform annual inspections at all operating TSDs owned or operated by federal, state, and local governments.

Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) RCRAInfo			L-5
IDEM Contact(s): Nick Staller and Andrew Pappas	EPA R5 Contact(s): Lucy Stanfield	Due Date: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027	
EPA R5 Role: Provide program assistance.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	PPG		

- a) IDEM will collect biennial reports for the 2025 cycle and load data into RCRAInfo.
- b) EPA R5 will provide program assistance for all data cleanup within RCRAInfo as needed. This includes all the modules within the national database.



# Office of Land Quality (OLQ) - Enforcement

## Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Enforcement

LE-1

IDEM Contact(s): Jennifer Reno

EPA R5 Contact(s): Todd Brown, Graciela Scambiaterra

Due Date: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027

EPA R5 Role: Issue enforcement responses to RCRA violations detected by EPA R5, or referred to EPA R5 by IDEM, in accordance with U.S. EPA's 2003 Hazardous Waste Civil Enforcement Response Policy, U.S. EPA's RCRA Civil Penalty Policy and relevant U.S. EPA enforcement strategies.

Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.

Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.

Funding: PPG

- a) Issue enforcement responses to RCRA violations in accordance with IDEM's enforcement response strategy and U.S. EPA HQ's 2003 Hazardous Waste Civil Enforcement Response Policy.
- b) EPA R5 will issue enforcement responses to RCRA violations detected by U.S. EPA R5 or referred to EPA R5 by IDEM, in accordance with enforcement strategies.

## Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) NPDES Permits & Enforcement

LE-2

IDEM Contact(s): Charles Grady & Joseph Goetz

EPA R5 Contact(s): Ryan Bahr

Due Date: July 1, 2023 & June 30, 2025

EPA R5 Role (Water Division): Provide training on conducting CAFO inspections to IDEM staff, as requested. EPA R5 will be leading on enforcement where there is non-compliance with existing federal orders or where non-compliance is documented through a federal lead inspection.

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Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.

Funding: PPG

- a) Conduct compliance inspections at 20 percent of all CAFOs each fiscal year. There are currently 1,619 animal feeding operations permitted in Indiana. In addition to routinely inspecting 20 percent of the permitted CAFOs, inspections are also conducted in the categories listed below to determine whether facilities discharge or should be designated a CAFO.
  - State regulated large and medium CAFOs with an NPDES permit.
  - State regulated large CAFOs without an NPDES permit.
  - State regulated medium AFOs without an NPDES permit.
  - Small AFOs without an NPDES permit.
- b) Issue enforcement responses to NPDES violations in accordance with IDEM's enforcement response strategy and U.S. EPA's EMS. In accordance with EPA's 2011 CAFO Guidance, CAFOs that have discharged will be required to obtain a permit, unless conditions that led to the discharge have been fully remedied, as documented by the department.

- c) EPA R5 will provide training on conducting CAFO inspections to IDEM staff, as requested. EPA R5 will be the lead on enforcement where there is non-compliance with existing federal orders or where non-compliance is documented through a federal lead inspection.

Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Inspections			LE-3
IDEM Contact(s): George Ritchotte	EPA R5 Contact(s): Andrea Dierich, Graciela Scambiatterra	Due Date: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027	
EPA R5 Role: Review IDEM's PCB inspection reports and, if necessary, issue the appropriate enforcement response. Provide technical assistance and guidance on federal PCB regulations. Conduct mid-year and year end reviews. Provide continuing refresher training to experienced inspectors and basic field investigation training to new inspectors. Provide enforcement training to allow IDEM to prepare penalty calculations.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	PPG		

- a) Conduct 18 Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) PCB inspections for FY24 and 18 PCB inspections for FY25.
- b) Work with EPA R5 on oversight of PCB cleanups and provide technical assistance to the regulated community. Provide a yearly summary report detailing the status of oversight activities for each fiscal year.
- c) Work with the EPA R5 Pesticides and Toxics Compliance Section (PTCS) in the annual targeting of facilities for TSCA PCB inspections.
- d) IDEM will provide a quarterly inspection summary.
- e) EPA will expedite renewal of credentials for IDEM inspectors to allow completion of PCB inspections.
- f) EPA R5 will review IDEM's PCB inspection reports and, if necessary, issue the appropriate enforcement response, provide technical assistance and guidance on federal PCB regulations, conduct mid-year and year end reviews, provide continuing refresher training to experienced inspectors and basic field investigation training to new inspectors, and provide enforcement training.

## Office of Water Quality (OWQ)

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)		W-1
IDEM Contact(s): Stacy Jones, Lucio Ternieden, Anthony Tobias, Matt Prater, & Matt Prater	EPA R5 Contact(s): Mark Ackerman and Cynthia Meyer; Elizabeth Murphy;	Due Date: Ongoing
Each State with primacy for implementing the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations is expected to fully implement all aspects of its safe drinking water statutes and rules on which primacy is awarded. The Region's oversight responsibility is most clearly stated in 40 CFR §142.17 and goes beyond what is funded by the grant. State oversight includes the following areas: (1) Rules and primacy, (2) Sanitary surveys, (3) Laboratory certification, (4) Enforcement and compliance assistance, (5) Data management and reporting, (6) Operator certification, (7) Capacity development, (8) Source water protection, and (9) Measures/indicators.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

a) EPA R5 and IDEM will work together to:

- Address the national HB violation measure and reducing the number of systems in non-compliance with HB measures.
- Develop and implement a File Review corrective action plan to address priority program deficiencies found during the most recent File Review including implementation of the newest rule, Revised Total Coliform Rule.
- Finalize remaining primacy packages: LCR-STR, GWR, Stage 2 DBPR, LT2ESWTR
- Region 5 will follow the established expectations in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) Partnership Memo, to work with IDEM on issuing timely formal enforcement actions for systems in priority status for RTRC violations. This could include EPA or IDEM issued noncompliance actions for systems which have been unable to complete level 1 and level 2 assessments.
- Conduct training courses and offer technical assistance to operators of water systems.

b) Maintain primacy for the public water supply supervision program by fully implementing priority aspects of the program focusing on HB measures. Measure, assess, and communicate progress as tracked and reported under the mid-term and final PPA reports.

Office of Water Quality (OWQ) Permits		W-2
IDEM Contact(s): a) Jerry Dittmer, Leigh Voss, & Jason House b) Jerry Dittmer & Richard Hamblin c) Jerry Dittmer e) Martha Clark Mettler	EPA R5 Contact(s): a) Steve Jann b) Steve Jann	Due Date: See below
EPA R5 Role: Provide timely review, technical assistance and comment and identify issues at an early stage in the process.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	State	

a) Issue decisions on applications for new permits within statutory time frames.

- Maintain the backlog of municipal permits at 10 percent or less.

- Issue decisions on applications for new municipal NPDES permits within statutory time frames.
  - Provide numbers for the following two pretreatment measures, twice a year (first week of April and October):
    - Number of Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) that are discharging to POTWs with Pretreatment Programs that have control mechanisms in place that implement applicable pretreatment standards and requirements.
    - Number of Categorical Industrial Users (CIUs) that are discharging to POTWs without Pretreatment Programs that have control mechanisms in place that implement applicable pretreatment standards and requirements.
- b) Issue decisions on applications for new permits within statutory time frames.
- Maintain the backlog of industrial permits at 10 percent or less.
- c) EPA R5 will review all general permits and those individual permits included on an annual list prepared together with IDEM.
- d) EPA R5 will provide timely review, technical assistance, comments, and identify issues at an early stage in the process for any permit.
- e) IDEM shall continue work on converting general permits-by-rule to administratively issued general permits, completing the remaining permit-by-rule conversions, as expeditiously as possible.
- IDEM will coordinate the issuance of the general permits with the General Permit rulemaking to ensure all current permittees retain coverage.
  - EPA R5 will continue to work expeditiously to review the draft general permit language and once EPA R5 agrees, EPA R5 will issue a non-objection letter so IDEM can proceed with the public notice of the draft permit and subsequently the issuance of the final permit consistent with the MOA.

## Impaired Waters List and Water Quality Report

**W-3**

IDEM Contact(s): a) Kristen Arnold & Paul McMurray c) Martha Clark Mettler

EPA R5 Contact(s): Donna Keclik & James Ruppel

Due Date: a) April 1, 2026

EPA R5 Role: Timely review and comment on materials submitted. Provide guidance on report/list development. Provide continued support and guidance on the use of the ATTAINS Database.

Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.

Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.

Funding: PPG

- a) IDEM will submit the 2026 Integrated Report (IR), including the 303(d) List of Impaired Waters by established deadlines and provide additional IR information (e.g., assessment methodology, GIS files) in other appropriate formats, as required by the IR Guidance. IDEM will submit its IR and supporting information through ATTAINS.
- b) EPA R5 will provide timely review and comments on materials submitted, guidance on report/list development, and support and guidance on the use of ATTAINS.
- c) IDEM and EPA R5 will continue discussions to establish and maintain a common understanding of information related to water quality assessments of metals, including Se, including a review of IDEM's water quality criteria language, IDEM's consolidated listing and assessment methodology, IDEM's surface water quality monitoring strategy, existing, current metals data, U.S. EPA's listing rules and guidance, and other relevant information.

Surface Water Quality Monitoring Strategy		W-4
IDEM Contact(s): a), b), c), and e) Kristen Arnold, Ali Meils, Stacey Sobat d) David Tsetse, f) Paul McMurray	EPA R5 Contact(s): Dave Pfeifer, Tim Elkins, Mari Nord., and Diane Tancil	Due Date: a), b), c), d), e), and f) Annually
EPA R5 Role: Provide technical assistance in revising monitoring strategy. Review and provide comments on draft and final products. Support IDEM to implement the strategy and help identify resources to address identified gaps. Work with IDEM to identify resources to address issues identified in the strategy and provide technical assistance/guidance as requested. Provide meeting support and travel support as available. Encourage CWA/SDWA Program integration.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	PPG	

- a) Implement the 2022-2026 Water Quality Monitoring Strategy and draft the 2027-2031 Water Quality Monitoring Strategy for EPA R5 review.
- b) Monitor Indiana's surface waters. IDEM will use the PPA update reporting procedures to provide information on progress, with the elements and level of details agreed upon by IDEM and EPA R5.
  - Monitor waters, utilizing the probabilistic monitoring design to provide sufficient data to adequately assess the status of Indiana's surface water quality following the schedule identified in the IDEM Monitoring Strategy. During the current sampling season (summer through fall 2025), IDEM will sample a minimum of 38 sites in the Lower Wabash River Basin. Next sampling season (summer through fall 2026), IDEM will sample a minimum of 38 sites in the Upper Illinois River Basin and in the summer through fall of 2027, IDEM will sample a minimum of 38 sites in the Great Lakes Basin.
  - Monitor waters employing a targeted design based on the data quality objectives and to support the following: WQS development, NPDES permitting and compliance, public health advisories, to address emerging water quality issues, to determine water quality trends and to evaluate the performance of

programs. Fixed stations' monitoring at 165 statewide sites will be sampled monthly; fish tissue monitoring in 2025 will be in the Great Lakes and Ohio River Basins, in 2026 will be in the West Fork White River and Patoka River Basins, and in 2027, in the East Fork White River and Whitewater River Basins; Bluegreen algae monitoring will occur from May through August at 21 state-owned or managed swimming beaches to assist in public health advisories. Additionally, cyanotoxin monitoring will occur at a state-owned dog park lake from March through October to assist in protecting dog health.

- c) Participate in regional monitoring newsletter, webinars and activities, as resources allow.
- d) IDEM will continue to implement a regular schedule to upload water quality data to U.S. EPA HQ's Water Quality Exchange system (<https://www.epa.gov/waterdata/water-quality-data>) through IDEM's Assessment Information Management System (AIMS) database, scheduled to be upgraded during this PPA period.
- e) IDEM will provide separate, timely reports, as required by the grant agreements, on all activities funded by the monitoring initiative funds (specific activities are identified in separate amended grant work plans, including implementation of the national surveys and monitoring strategy activities).
- f) Refine implementation of methodology for assessing drinking water use. Encourage data sharing and protection of sources of drinking water.
- g) EPA R5 will:
  - Provide comments on monitoring strategy.
  - Review and provide comments on draft and final products.
  - Work with IDEM to support its implementation of the strategy and help identify resources to address identified gaps.
  - Work with IDEM to identify resources to address issues identified in the strategy and provide technical assistance/guidance as requested.
  - Work with IDEM to identify specific areas where CWA and SDWA resources may be able to be used jointly to prevent and mitigate contamination of drinking water sources.



<b>Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)</b>			<b>W-5</b>
IDEM Contact(s): a) & c) Kristen Arnold & Caleb Rennaker b) Kristen Arnold & Ali Meils		EPA R5 Contact(s): a) Dave Pfeifer, b) David Werbach & Donna Keclik	Due Date: a) September 30, 2025 & 2026 b) December 31, 2025 & 2026
EPA R5 Role: Timely review and comment, and contractor assistance, and provide guidance/other information on identifying causes/sources of impairment.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	State		

- a) TMDLs will be developed in accordance with the measures established by EPA R5 and U.S. EPA Headquarters' 303(d) Vision process for prioritizing and implementing the TMDL Program, and IDEM's established Vision priorities. IDEM will submit at least one watershed TMDL project each year. The number of segments/TMDLs will depend upon the watershed. For FFY25 IDEM will submit the Lake Manitou TMDL, for FFY26 IDEM will submit the Indian Creek – White River TMDL, and for FFY27 IDEM will submit the Indian Creek – Monroe County TMDL.
- b) Targeted (Watershed Characterization) Monitoring Studies - Monitor waters to provide information on sources and causes of impairments for use in the development of TMDLs and/or watershed management plans. IDEM commits to at least one watershed characterization study a year. For 2025, the Indian Creek – Monroe County Watershed study will finish in October, and the 2026 Honey Creek Watershed study will begin in November. The Watershed study for 2027 is TBD.
- c) EPA R5 will provide timely reviews, comments, and contractor assistance and will provide guidance or other information on identifying causes/sources of impairment.

<b>Wetland and Stream Impacts and Storm Water Permits</b>			<b>W-6</b>
IDEM Contact(s): Amari Farren, James Turner, & Randy Braun		EPA R5 Contact(s): a) Dave Pfeifer & Kerryann Weaver	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Provide program assistance.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	Federal/State (Wetlands Mapping Impacts Grant)		

- a) Review applications and issue appropriate permits for wetland and stream impacts.
- b) Storm water permits – Review applications and issue appropriate permit coverage for construction, municipal and industrial discharges of storm water.
- c) EPA R5 will provide program assistance.

Water Quality Standards		W-7
IDEM Contact(s): a), b), c), d) & e) Martha Clark Mettler & Gabrielle Ghreichi	EPA R5 Contact(s): David Pfeifer, Tim Elkins a) Aaron Johnson/Kay Edly b) Michelle Woods/Emily Pierce c) Aaron Johnson d) Aaron Johnson/Kay Edly, e) Michelle Woods f) Aaron Johnson	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Participate in rulemaking workgroups or meetings, as requested by IDEM. Review draft IDEM work products and provide timely comments. To the extent that resources are available, assist IDEM with travel support for regional meetings, such as the Regional Technical Assistance Group (RTAG) and Water Quality Standards (WQS) meetings.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	Federal Water Quality Grants	

IDEM will work to complete timely water quality standards (WQS) revisions.

- a) IDEM will continue work to revise aquatic life criteria methodologies for downstate waters. IDEM's goal is to have the rule language second noticed by December 30, 2025.
- b) IDEM will update the nutrient criteria development plan to accurately reflect achievable milestones, including, but not limited to, evaluating the findings of the NSTEPS report and other data and assessing options to overcome implementation challenges, participate in regional activities (Regional Technical Assistance Group (RTAG)) meetings and conference calls), and provide EPA R5 with updates to the nutrient criteria development plan by August 1 of each fiscal year and interim work products for EPA R5 input.
- c) IDEM will evaluate updating human health methods and human health criteria outside of the Great Lakes Basin.
- d) IDEM will evaluate adopting of U.S. EPA's published 304(a) aquatic life criteria recommendations for aluminum, ammonia, copper biotic ligand model, carbaryl, diazinon, nonylphenol, and tributyltin.
- e) IDEM will review the process to update, if resources allow its multiple discharger variance for mercury.
- f) EPA R5 will:
  - Participate in rulemaking workgroups or meetings, as requested by IDEM.
  - Review draft IDEM work products and provide timely comments.
  - Assist IDEM with travel support for regional meetings (RTAG, WQS) as resources are available.

## Office of Water Quality (OWQ) - Enforcement

<b>Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) for Wet Weather Programs, Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long Term Control Plans (LTCP), Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) and Storm Water</b>		<b>WE-1</b>
IDEM Contact(s): a) & b) Paul Higginbotham & Jerry Dittmer c) Jason House and Kim Rohr, d), e), f) & g) Amari Farren & Randy Braun EPA R5 Contact(s): Ryan Bahr & James Coleman Due Date: See below		
EPA R5 Role: EPA R5 will be the lead on certain environmentally significant CSO communities, working in partnership with IDEM to reach agreement on approvable long-term control plans and implementation schedules. EPA R5 will provide timely review and comment on technical non-rule policy and other documents submitted by IDEM.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	State	

- a) IDEM will participate in the review and approval of the long-term control plans (LTCPs) and Consent Decrees issued in CSO cases under federal lead. Currently, almost all CSO communities under Consent Decrees with previously approved LTCPs have now submitted LTCP amendments, creating a substantial additional workload. IDEM will continue working with EPA R5 in the review of these LTCP amendments and related Consent Decree issues (U.S. EPA PAM [SS-1]).
- b) IDEM will continue LTCP compliance implementation by:
- Monitoring milestone dates in the LTCP through site visits and review of documentation.
  - Monitoring compliance with limits (as applicable) through review of submitted monitoring reports.
  - Reviewing periodically the approved LTCPs.
  - Setting meetings (as needed) with communities and their consultants on the status of the implementation of the LTCPs.
  - Status of the implementation of the LTCPs.

Indiana has 72 major and 38 minor CSO communities. Of those 110 CSO Communities, 65 have fully implemented their LTCP. The CMS inspection frequency is to inspect all facilities every five years. In Indiana, that corresponds to approximately 15 major and seven minor inspections, or 22 total each year. However, this is an unrealistic number of annual CEI level inspections/CSO Audits due to the number of dedicated CSO project managers (2), and part-time CSO project managers (4). In Indiana, 109 of the 110 communities have approved Long Term Control Plans in place. Based on the fact that

the majority of CSO communities are now implementing approved LTCPs, IDEM is transitioning its CSO Wet Weather Program and existing staff (Two Full-time Equivalents, FTEs and four Part-Time Equivalents, PTEs) from LTCP development to LTCP implementation and compliance monitoring/tracking. Due to the limited staff resources, IDEM has developed a thorough computer tracking system through the use of the TEMPO Database. This compliance tracking system allows IDEM to get "the biggest bang for the buck" by allowing the majority of compliance tracking to occur and be reported on from the desks of the CSO Project Managers. This allows for the most efficient and effective use of staff time and retains their ability to contact multiple CSO communities on daily basis on potential compliance issues that would not occur if the majority of their time was spent in the field driving between CSO communities, which can be a considerable distance apart. This compliance tracking approach is further enhanced by in field inspections (CSO Audits) by the CSO Project Managers, as well as CSO DMR and MRO reviews (also done in the office) as part of our compliance monitoring strategy. The compliance tracking systems capabilities are now fully developed and in operation to track and report on all CSO LTCP implementation milestones as well as to maintain other valuable information related to each community. At a minimum, reports are run from this system on a monthly basis to determine if any CSO community is behind on any milestone task. These compliance tracking reports are utilized by the CSO Project Managers to prioritize their work in addressing items of non-compliance that are found. This work could be in the form of informal phone calls to communities; formal written correspondence with response requested; community identified for a CSO Audit; and/or referral for enforcement. It should also be noted that in addition to the work performed by CSO Project Managers, all the CSO communities are covered by routine inspections from dedicated Inspection Section staff that go to all NPDES permitted facilities on a more frequent basis as required by the CMS. The Inspection Section staff coordinates with CSO Project Managers on a routine basis. While the majority of the CSO Project Manager's time is now spent on compliance monitoring/tracking, they still have to devote time and attention to participating in the remaining Federal CD LTCP negotiations to assure that an agreed upon LTCP is developed and approved for Gary. As previously mentioned, multiple proposed LTCP amendments for Consent Decree communities are also under review. Given IDEM's monthly in-office compliance monitoring/tracking approach combined with in the field CSO Audits and routine inspections performed by the Inspection Section, the intent of 22 inspections at CSO communities per year is met and exceeded by IDEM. IDEM can commit to performing eight CEI level inspections/CSO Audits per each year of this PPA. It is important to note that, in conjunction with CEI inspections, IDEM's Inspection Section also assesses CSO community compliance with the CSO provisions of the permit. By incorporating CEI inspections with a CSO component, IDEM anticipates meeting its commitment to conduct 22 inspections at CSO communities annually.

IDEM will include the program code CWACSO when entering CSO inspections conducted pursuant to this CMS into ICIS-NPDES.

- c) The CMS policy calls for a minimum inspection frequency of five percent of the Sanitary Sewer Systems (SSS) universe each year. IDEM has 762 permitted SSS which includes POTWs and semi-public facilities. Separately owned satellite collection systems are not included in this inventory. This results in a CMS target of 29 systems per year. SSOs are evaluated as part of NPDES compliance inspections. Based on the commitments for NPDES compliance inspections (see W-7), IDEM already commits to inspect 381 systems with SSS each year and completes basic evaluations of the performance of these systems. Capacity and collection system inspections are the prescribed method for conducting basic evaluations of SSSs. In general, a complete evaluation thoroughly examines the following components of a sanitary sewer collection system: Early warning and sewer ban possibilities; 90 percent capacity rule; collection system maintenance, lift stations; manholes and their structures; chemicals that are used in the collection system; sewer use ordinance; sanitary sewer overflows and bypasses; satellite systems; flow meter structure; and calibration records for flow meters. In addition, flow charts and monthly reports are reviewed to determine if capacity concerns are only during rain or all the time. Focused SSO-specific inspections will be scheduled as needed, based on information about overflow occurrences. IDEM will include the program code CWASSO when entering SSO inspections conducted pursuant to this CMS into ICIS-NPDES.
- d) IDEM will administer stormwater programs by performing compliance inspections in the following areas: construction/land disturbance and industrial and municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s).

Construction/Land Disturbance: IDEM evaluates compliance of construction and land disturbance sites using multiple tools. This is a complex mixture of IDEM site inspections and use of MS4 programs to regulate projects. IDEM inspects permitted construction sites and reviews stormwater pollution prevention plans. IDEM starts by giving the highest importance to those projects for which the agency has received complaints, projects outside MS4s that are greater than five acres, and those project sites owned and/or operated by a MS4. Past experience has shown that small sites (one to two acres) do not require an extensive menu of stormwater quality measures to remain in compliance or pose a significant threat to water quality as the larger project sites. IDEM also takes into consideration inspecting smaller sites if they are in an area where multiple smaller projects are within close proximity to one another. The construction site run-off program regulates land disturbing activities of one acre or more. The program is administered state-wide; however, the MS4 entities have an active role in regulating projects within their legal jurisdictions. Therefore, an MS4 is the primary entity assessing compliance of projects that occur within their jurisdiction. As part of the administration of the MS4 program, including reviewing annual reports and evaluating implementation of the MCMs over the last few years, IDEM has assessed the overall MS4 program and has identified the MS4s that have strong effective programs and those that may need improvement in administering one or more of the MCMs. This internal knowledge of the MS4 program and the compliance status of individual MS4s will allow staff to prioritize which MS4s will be

scheduled for further assessment of the program. IDEM has taken the approach that the MS4 is responsible for local projects. For example, the more confident IDEM is that the MS4 is meeting the MCM for construction site run-off, the less oversight IDEM will impose for sites within that MS4.

Stormwater staff is responsible for reviewing stormwater pollution prevention plans, conducting MS4 audits for the construction site run-off and post-construction minimum control measures, and inspecting industrial storm water sites. The CMS target is to inspect 10 percent of the universe each year. Based on IDEM's estimated universe of 8,200, the commitment would be 820 inspections annually. With only eight staff that also have other responsibilities, IDEM can commit to conducting 400 inspections per year. However, since over 60 percent of sites fall within the boundaries of MS4 programs, the actual number of sites that are a priority for IDEM is approximately 3500. Therefore, the commitment of 400 inspections is within 10 percent of the number of sites outside of an MS4. The actual number of sites inspected by qualified inspectors is much higher than 400. IDEM will assess the projects that an MS4 inspects during program audits. IDEM will also evaluate methods for more accurate accounting for inspections that occur but are not reported currently because they are not performed by IDEM stormwater staff.

During this PPA cycle IDEM will begin documenting MS4 inspection numbers during each MS4 audit. During an audit IDEM will request the number of inspections conducted by the MS4 during the audit process for the Construction Site Stormwater Run-off MCM. IDEM has also started the process to renew our MS4 general permit (MS4GP) which will expire in December of 2026. During development of the new general permit IDEM will evaluate and take into consideration options/mechanisms for MS4s to report inspections numbers for this MCM. By accounting for the MS4 inspections in the revised MS4GP, IDEM expects to be able to meet the commitment of 820 inspections annually.

In addition to investigating complaints, project sites are prioritized based on those that impact a footprint of five acres or more and that discharge to waters of state or otherwise may have significant impact to water quality. Wetlands Project Managers have also been cross trained and may assess erosion and sediment control compliance when visiting a site to evaluate violations of 401 water Quality Certifications and the Indiana Isolated Wetland law.

Storm water staff conducts a limited number of plan reviews and education as part of program goals. Education is a key component of the program to establish expectations for compliance within the regulated community. The plan reviews are selected based on the complexity of the project. For those projects that go through a formal review process, it is evident that deficiencies are identified that upon correction in the plans will avoid compliance issues in the field once the plan is implemented. In addition, the presence of a plan review component establishes an expectation in the regulated community that plans are randomly evaluated and that all requirements of the construction site run-off general permit must be met to avoid possible delays if a plan is found to be deficient.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s): The primary methods of assessing compliance are program audits, facility inspections, and compliance meetings. A compliance meeting is a follow-up to an inspection and/or an audit that is conducted to assess progress towards compliance. This element is not counted towards CMS coverage but is an integral part of follow-up with MS4s to bring the entity into compliance. The focused inspections (audits) are conducted in the field and are for the purpose of assessing implementation of the stormwater quality management plan (SWQMP) and individual minimum control measures (MCMs). Indiana typically will conduct focused inspections (audits) on specific MCMs across the state within a given timeframe for all MS4s. This approach has allowed for more efficient use of staff time and provides a method for the agency to evaluate specific MS4 program components for all MS4 entities within a shorter timeframe. In subsequent years, other MCMs will become the focus for compliance assessment. The focused inspections (audits) are planned and scheduled in advance and compliance meetings and/or inspections may be a follow-up to an audit or an unannounced visit to further assess program compliance.

Indiana has 211 MS4's: 1 Phase, I and 210 Phase II currently. The CMS minimum goal is to determine compliance of every MS4 every five years by way of an on-site audit, an MS4 inspection, or an off-site desk audit. Each MS4 should receive a complete on-site audit/inspection that encompasses all six minimum control measures at least once every seven years.

As part of the administration of the MS4 program, including reviewing annual reports and evaluating implementation of the MCMs over the last few years, IDEM has assessed the overall MS4 program and has identified the MS4s that have strong effective programs and those that may need improvement in administering one or more the MCMs. This internal knowledge of the MS4 program and the compliance status of individual MS4s will allow staff to prioritize which MS4s will be scheduled to further assess the program. This prioritization will take place based on specific MCMs.

In addition, the entire stormwater program participates in educational opportunities to present information to the MS4s. This is achieved through an annual MS4 meeting at which IDEM along with MS4s develop an agenda that is specific to issues and/or program deficiencies that have been identified during the previous year. Compliance issues with a common theme are placed on the agenda as are accomplishments and innovative approaches that a MS4 or group of MS4s has taken to improve their overall program implementation. This is another approach to emphasize expectations and share information to improve the overall performance of MS4s on a statewide basis. In addition to education, IDEM reviews annual reports to assess compliance and aid in identifying the status of a MS4 in administering their program.

Based on this prioritization process, IDEM plans to conduct focused inspections (audits) on specific MCMs across the state. Eighty percent of all MS4s will receive a comprehensive audit of all MCMs; the remainder will receive an audit of the specific MCMs for which IDEM has determined to be deficient or operating at a level below the expectations identified in the general permit.

To meet the seven-year goal, IDEM plans to conduct inspections (audits) for the construction and post-construction MCMs annually. These inspections (audits) will be performed by staff storm water specialists. These MCMs include a field-based assessment (site inspection and plan review) of how the MS4 administers their local regulatory responsibilities under the local ordinance. The other MCMs (education, public involvement, illicit discharge and good housekeeping) will be scheduled and completed on a seven-year cycle. The MCMs that are selected in a given year will be prioritized by a specific MCM and as necessary may include additional MCMs when a specific MS4 has not demonstrated compliance. On an annual basis a minimum of 160 MCMs will be inspected (audited). This number, projected over a seven-year timeframe equates to a complete audit of every MS4. Regardless of which MCM is targeted, staff is aware that the MS4 program is a complex and comprehensive approach to achieve water quality objectives within highly urbanized area and as necessary will make a determination to further investigate any and all program deficiencies that are discovered as part of focused inspection (audit). While this approach achieves water quality objectives that U.S. EPA is seeking, the documentation process does not match up with the standard CMS. However, IDEM feels that over the course of seven years that this strategy accomplishes the same if not more over site of the program than what is stated in the CMS guidance.

Industrial Stormwater: The industrial stormwater program is administered on a state-wide basis. MS4 entities do not have a requirement to inspect industrial sites subject to stormwater permitting. However, the MS4s are often aware of storm water discharges from industrial sites that are either reported through citizen hotlines or discovered as part of the illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) minimum control measure. Based on these criteria, the MS4 will refer these incidents to the IDEM Stormwater Program to further investigate. In addition, the MS4 may also levy fines. The Office of Land Quality also inspects facilities such as salvage yards and landfills. Many of these facilities also have industrial storm water permits. The Office of Land Quality has trained staff that is familiar with the stormwater regulations and will cite a facility for a stormwater violation and/or report the incident to the Stormwater Program to further assess compliance. The number of referrals annually averages 20 to 30 and will either prompt a follow-up inspection, issuance of a compliance letter, or a violation letter based on the severity of the issue identified in the OLQ inspection report. A similar process is in place for inspections conducted by the Office of Water Quality wastewater inspectors, although their inspections are not focused on stormwater issues, it is not uncommon for the Stormwater Program to receive referrals, including photos and observations of the wastewater inspector which allows stormwater staff to follow-up with compliance and often collaborate between the two programs to pursue compliance.

IDEM does provide training and outreach to operators and organizations that are directly associated with industrial facilities subject to the storm water general permit rule. In addition, the stormwater program has coordinated closely with the Compliance Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) of IDEM that meets with industry one on one and also conducts outreach.



Inspections completed by storm water staff will include operating facilities, as well as facilities that have claimed an exemption, and/or facilities that have been the subject of complaints. In addition to complaints, facilities are prioritized for inspections based on referrals from: MS4 entities that may have identified an illicit discharge; the IDEM Office of Land Quality and Office of Water Quality inspectors based on a facility that was identified to have significant facility management issues related to storm water run-off; facilities that discharge to waters of state or otherwise may have significant impact to water quality (also included are facilities in portions of the state where discharges may be associated with infiltration or discharges to karst), and facilities that have submitted monitoring reports with elevated sampling parameters.

The CMS includes a goal of inspecting 10 percent of the universe each year. IDEM has approximately 1400 active permits and 700 no-exposure exclusions. The CMS annual goal is based on the number of active permits only and translates into 140 total inspections. When accounting for the facilities that are operating under no exposure status, the total number is 2100 and translates to 210 inspections. These inspections are conducted by the same field staff that performs inspections on active construction sites and performs focused inspections (audits) of several of the minimum control measures under the MS4 permitting program. In addition, not all MS4 owned and operated facilities are required to obtain permit coverage under the industrial storm water permitting program. The MS4 owned facilities, when targeted for an inspection, will be counted as part of the industrial CMS commitment as many of the same elements are reviewed during the compliance inspection. IDEM will be diverting stormwater specialist resources to the agency priority of finalizing the Industrial Stormwater General Permit. IDEM plans major changes to the general permit to reflect the changes made at the National level. Not only will stormwater specialist resources be dedicated to finalizing the permit, but there will also be significant education and outreach effort associated with the changes to the industrial permit as well as outreach on the construction and MS4 permits. Again, stormwater specialists will be doing aggressive outreach during this time which would reduce the amount of time available to do inspections. However, IDEM proposes to increase our inspections from 146 inspections/year to 180 inspections/year.

- e) Evaluate stormwater violations and take timely action in accordance with the state's NPDES enforcement management system.
- f) Track stormwater compliance and compliance assurance actions in accordance with established data requirements and reporting time frames.
- g) EPA R5 will be the lead on certain environmentally significant CSO communities, working in partnership with IDEM to reach agreement on approvable LTCPs and implementation schedules. EPA R5 will provide timely review and comment on technical non-rule policy and other documents submitted by IDEM.

**Compliance Monitoring Strategy (CMS) for Core National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Programs****WE-2**

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Due Date: a, b, c, d, g) Annual Basis; e, f) Ongoing.

EPA R5 Role: Provide program assistance.

Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.

Pillar 3: Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.

Funding: State

U.S. EPA HQ's current national CMS became effective at the beginning of Federal Fiscal year 2015. Indiana's continuing state-specific CMS, for purposes of this PPA agreement, runs from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. The goal is to maintain an adequate enforcement and compliance assurance program to help ensure that NPDES violations are prevented and, when violations occur, they are adequately addressed.

Considering IDEM's compliance monitoring strategy, IDEM will work with EPA R5 to evaluate Indiana appropriate processes to make progress on EPA's NPDES Core Program, with goals of preventing systems getting into significant non-compliance and substantially reducing the significant non-compliance rate, by the end of the PPA cycle.

a) NPDES Compliance Inspections from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027:

- Majors – Of 193 total, the goal is that 100 percent of the universe will receive a CEI or CSI inspection every two years, in accordance with the national CMS.
- Minors – Of 675 total municipal and industrial “IN0” facilities: Traditional minor NPDES facilities, for purposes of the PPA, include individual non-major municipal and industrial facilities with permit numbers beginning with “IN0.” The goal is that 100 percent of the universe will receive some type of inspection every two years and 100 percent of the universe will receive a CEI or CSI inspection every four years.
- Minors – Of 191 total industrial pretreatment “INP” facilities: The goal is 100 percent of the universe will receive a CEI inspection every two years.
- Minors – Of 28 state and federal “IN0” facilities: Conduct CEIs at 100 percent of the universe every two years.
- Major and minor mixed ownership or semi-public facilities: Of 242 total, the goal is 100 percent of the universe will receive a CEI or CSI inspection every two years.
- General permits “ING” facilities: Of 191 total: The goal is 100 percent of the universe will receive an inspection every four years. This excludes facilities with general permit coverage such as MS4s, industrial storm water sites, construction storm water sites, and those covered under the vessel general permit.

- Respond to 100 percent of complaints.
- b) Conduct nine industrial pretreatment audits annually (20 percent of approved local pretreatment programs) assuring that all SIUs for those programs have control mechanisms.
- c) Conduct QA/QC reviews of submitted self-monitoring data to evaluate reliability.
- d) Significant non-compliance (SNC):

Goals are to maintain the SNC rate for NPDES Individual Permits at or below 10 percent, as measured on a quarterly basis. Evaluate all violations and take timely action (informal and formal), in accordance with the state's NPDES enforcement management system.
- e) Enter wastewater compliance monitoring and compliance assurance actions into Integrated Compliance Information System – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (ICIS–NPDES), in accordance with established data protocols.
- f) EPA R5 will provide program assistance.

IDEM and EPA R5 will coordinate compliance and enforcement activities to avoid duplication. EPA R5 conducts inspections to implement national compliance initiatives and other regional priorities. EPA R5 will coordinate with IDem on regional activities consistent with national guidance.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)  
**State Fiscal Years 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27) Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program  
Workplan**

July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027

**EPA Strategic Plan:** This is a continuing program grant for the PWSS Program and is consistent with EPA's Strategic Plan Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for all Communities and Objective 5.1: Ensure Safe Drinking Water and Reliable Water Infrastructure. Many of the grant workplan activities contribute to the goal of assuring that people served by public water systems (PWSs) receive drinking water that meets all applicable standards through effective treatment and source water protection. Continuing program implementation includes adopting rules at least as stringent as federal regulations, providing assistance to PWSs to assure compliance with regulatory requirements, conducting sanitary surveys, ensuring that monitoring and follow-up is conducted, and enforcing regulations as described below.

States which meet the primacy requirements under 40 C.F.R. Part 142, are the primary regulators of their drinking water systems. EPA provides oversight of the implementation of state programs. Region 5 works with each primacy state to develop an annual workplan<sup>1</sup> that promotes collaborative inter-agency program planning and implementation as well as a clear understanding of both state and EPA commitments.

In addition, Region 5 periodically evaluates the implementation and enforcement of public drinking water standards at a programmatic level in all primacy states. Such a program review includes collection, analysis, and interpretation of data, with recommendations by EPA to improve the state drinking water program's effectiveness.

***Region 5 and IDEM will work together to:***

- ✓ Address the national Health Based (HB) violation measure and reducing the number of CWS still in noncompliance with health-based standards since March 31, 2021.
- ✓ Continue to address the regional and shared goals developed to provide high quality drinking water through public water systems in the State.
- ✓ Provide trainings and offer technical assistance to operators of public water systems with continued emphasis on operators who conduct level 1 assessments and address vacancies to improve RTCR level 2 completeness.
- ✓ Address items in the Corrective Action Plan and State Action Plan.
- ✓ Address issues for remaining primacy packages: LCR-STR, GWR, Stage 2 DBPR, LT2ESWTR, LCRR/LCRI, PFAS and CCR.

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## **FY26-FY27 PWSS Program Areas and Workplan Activities**

### ***Federal Funding Used:***

IDEM currently implements the PWSS program by using the PWSS grant. The PWSS grant and state match during FY26-FY27 is being used to support 71 Full Time Equivalent (FTE). The 71 FTEs are distributed across six sections of the Drinking Water Branch: Total Coliform and Compliance Support, Chemical and Surface Water Compliance, Inspections, Groundwater, and Operator Certification and Capacity Development, and Permits. This continuing program grant is consistent with EPA's Strategic Plan Goal 5: Ensure Clean and Safe Water for all Communities and Objective 5.1: Ensure Safe Drinking Water and Reliable Water Infrastructure. Many of the grant workplan activities contribute to the goal of assuring that people served by public water systems receive drinking water that meets all applicable standards through effective treatment and source water protection. Continuing program implementation includes adopting rules at least as stringent as federal regulations; providing assistance to public water systems on regulatory requirements; conducting sanitary surveys; ensuring that monitoring and follow-up is conducted; and by enforcing regulations.

### **1. Status of Rule Adoption and Implementation**

- IDEM has primacy or is seeking primacy to implement all National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) and implements the safe drinking water statutes and rules on which primacy is based.
- IDEM anticipates that Indiana rules incorporating by reference Section 141 NPDWRs will be finalized by September 2025, and that it will request that EPA approve primacy rule revisions shortly thereafter.
- EPA and IDEM expect a priority area of focus will continue to be the public health concerns related to Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) implementation. As such, Indiana will continue to provide information regarding lead action level exceedances annually to EPA Region 5.
- Specific state compliance targets are included in the Measures and Indicators table, attached.
- EPA directly implements the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rules. IDEM has voluntarily committed to assist EPA with some activities as indicated in the Partnership Agreement for Supporting the Implementation of the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5).
- The State will update the status of FY24 state activities conducted under the File Review Corrective Action Plan and Enforcement Review State Action Plan quarterly.
- In FY 2026-FY2027 IDEM will continue to implement and enforce all state and federal drinking water regulations by utilizing the PWSS funds. The PWSS funds are dedicated to support staff that complete the following compliance related activities: tracking all compliance data in SDWIS, conducting trainings for systems, conducting and follow up on sanitary surveys, providing training and compliance assistance, issuing and resolving violations, and elevating systems for formal State or Federal enforcement when necessary.

### **2. Sanitary Surveys**

- Indiana will maintain technical expertise needed to perform sanitary surveys and ensure that sanitary surveys meet the content and frequency requirements specified by statute.
- During the FY 2026 grant year, Indiana plans to complete 869 sanitary surveys.
- During the FY 2027 grant year, Indiana plans to complete 1,015 sanitary surveys.
- Indiana will also evaluate all 8 elements and report status quarterly to SDWIS-FED.

- EPA Region 5 will track state targets to conduct sanitary surveys for all system types within the federally required intervals (see FY26 and FY27 Measures and Indicators, attached).
- In FY26 and FY27, the State will use the PWSS funding to support all field staff to complete the required sanitary survey activities as described in this section. The PWSS funding will also be used to send field staff to conferences and trainings to maintain technical expertise.

### **3. Enforcement**

- Indiana will maintain an adequate enforcement and compliance assistance program.
  - ☐ Indiana will continue to address systems not in compliance with state rules in accordance with EPA's Enforcement Response Policy and the National Compliance Initiative commitments, report enforcement actions quarterly to EPA, via SDWIS-FED and respond to EPA requests for compliance and enforcement updates on priority systems (significant non-compliers) on a quarterly basis. (See also the FY26 and FY27 Regional Enforcement measures and state commitment in the attached Measures and Indicators table.)
  - ☐ Indiana will coordinate with EPA during quarterly enforcement calls, to prioritize PWSs for inspections.
  - ☐ Indiana will submit an annual compliance report to EPA annually by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - ☐ In FY 2026 and FY 2027, the State will use the PWSS funding to support staff that make compliance and enforcement decisions. These activities include tracking compliance data in SDWIS, sending courtesy reminder messages to systems, issuing and resolving violations, and elevating systems for formal State or Federal enforcement, when necessary.

### **4. Capacity Development, Small System Support, and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program Integration**

- Indiana will continue assisting existing PWSs in acquiring and maintaining technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity. Further, the State will require new PWSs to demonstrate that they have the TMF capacity to operate in compliance with federal and state regulations.
- Indiana will continue to submit the annual State Capacity Development Program report including providing a list of new PWSs within the last three years and indicating if the number of public water systems that are in priority status according to the EPA Enforcement Response Policy and that have significant deficiencies that are unaddressed for more than 2 years. IDEM will submit the annual report which is due by September 30th of each year. (Also submit Governor's report every 3 years – next one by October 1, 2026.) EPA can withhold up to 20% of the State's DWSRF capitalization grant if it determines that a state is not adequately implementing a capacity development program.
- Participate in quarterly Operator Certification/Capacity Development calls with Region 5 staff and other Region 5 States.
- Participate in the development/planning and attend the Region 5 Operator Certification/ Capacity Development workshop to be held at Region 5 in Chicago in FY 2026 and FY 2027.
- In FY26 and FY27, the State will continue working with training and technical assistance providers and professional associations to develop and provide trainings to implement asset management. Further, IDEM will promote training for water audit loss and IDEM will train small systems to remain in compliance with rules and regulation.
- In FY 2026 and FY 2027, the State will use the PWSS funding to support staff that conduct Capacity Development activities. These activities include compliance assistance, conducting trainings, reviewing Water System Management Plans, support to enhance resiliency, Cybersecurity assistance, training assistance for operators and developing training materials for systems. The PWSS funding will also be dedicated for staff in assisting systems with technical, financial, managerial matters and



asset management. The details of these activities will be in the annual Capacity Development Report.

## **5. Operator Certification and DWSRF Program Integration**

- Indiana will continue to maintain regulations for the operation and maintenance of PWSs by working with properly certified individuals.
- Indiana will continue to report to EPA, on an annual basis, how the state is implementing an Operator Certification program that complies with EPA's Operator Certification Guidelines, including the nine baseline standards.
- IDEM will participate in quarterly Operator Certification/Capacity Development calls with Region 5 staff and other Region 5 States.
- In FY 2026 and FY 2027, Indiana will use the PWSS grant to support staff that are responsible for implementing and maintaining the operator certification program. These responsibilities include the following: reviewing applications to become a certified operator, reviewing applications for continuing education credit hours, tracking renewal status of certified operators, issuing certifications, training Facility Specific Operators, entering data, performing administrative functions, responding to questions and complaints, and administering one written certification exam in person. The PWSS grant also supports IDEM's contract with the local community college to administer operator exams and supports IDEM's contract with the Professional Licensing Agency to maintain our operator certification data.

## **6. Data Management and Reliability**

- Indiana will maintain adequate data management systems that track reporting requirements for all rules. This includes updates for new rules and new versions of FedRep.
- Indiana will report in a timely manner to EPA actions and sample data quarterly and inventory data at least annually, in accordance with 40 CFR 142.15.
- Indiana will correct errors identified on the FedRep ODS error reports or identified by the Region in a timely manner. In explanation, errors are corrected either in the same quarter they're identified (by the Region or in the SDWIS/Fed ODS error reports), or in the next quarter.
- Indiana will continue to work with EPA to move toward DW-SFTIES and update the data management system. Indiana will continue to participate in the SDWIS monthly calls and is willing to be a pilot state for DW-SFTIES.
- IDEM has applied and received grant money to improve the Drinking Water Watch website. The grant funding is from the 2018 National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN) Grant Program. To improve Drinking Water Watch, IDEM used the 2018 NEIEN Grant funding to work with Global Environmental Consulting to launch and maintain Drinking Water Viewer: <https://indwv.gecsws.com/>.
- In FY26 and FY 27, Indiana will use PWSS grant funding to support IDEM staff that are responsible for managing and maintaining the SDWIS/State database. The PWSS grant funding will also support the data administrators that are responsible for training labs to utilize the Compliance Monitoring Data Portal (CMDP). Staff will continue to maintain the CMDP and help labs troubleshoot any issues.

## **7. Source Water Protection**

- Indiana will continue to report annually progress toward source water protection measures and targets for FY26 and FY27. See the attached Measures and Indicators for FY26 and FY27 targets

including an anticipated number of systems with substantial implementation of source water protection assessments that will be completed.

- In FY26 and FY 27, Indiana will use PWSS grant funding for this program area.
- In FY26 and FY27 Indiana will continue to guide PWSs on completing or updating source water assessments. IDEM will update source water assessments as resources allow.
- IDEM will work with other partners to protect source water. IDEM will collaborate with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) on implementing the 2018 Farm Bill, which emphasizes protection of drinking water sources. During FY26 and FY27, IDEM will continue to collaborate with the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and Local County Health Departments on tackling arsenic and other water quality issues affecting groundwater, drinking water, and source water.

#### **8. Laboratory Certification**

- Indiana will continue to provide an adequate laboratory certification program for all regulated contaminants, at a minimum, to certify commercial laboratories at least once every three years; ensuring capacity to analyze at the Principal State Laboratory or commercial laboratories all NPDWR parameters that are required to be sampled in the State; and maintain certification for the Principal State Laboratory.
- IDEM is under a Memorandum of Agreement with the IDOH to implement the Laboratory Certification Program and to serve as the Principal State Laboratory. IDOH will certify all laboratories performing analyses for compliance with the SDWA. IDOH is performing procedures established in accordance with the Manual for the Certification of Laboratories for Analyzing Drinking Water. IDOH will continue to submit the annual questionnaires to the Region as requested.
- In FY 2026 and FY 2027, Indiana will continue to dedicate PWSS funding for IDEM staff that assist IDOH labs on maintaining the list of certified drinking water labs. IDEM staff maintain the certified lab data in SDWIS/State.

#### **9. Security/Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1433 (America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA<sup>2</sup>))**

- Under Primacy, States are required to ensure that community water supplies maintain an adequate plan for the provision of safe drinking water under emergency circumstances.
- In FY26-FY27, Indiana will continue to educate systems on utilizing an emergency response template made available to all systems for emergency response and provision of water during emergencies.
- IDEM will continue to participate in scheduled conference calls with EPA and other state security coordinators.
- In FY26 and FY 27, Indiana will use PWSS grant funding for this program area.
- IDEM continues to work with local, county, state, and federal security contacts to bolster asset deployment during emergencies. Per AWIA, Indiana will continue to do the following activities to assist EPA Region 5 with their implementation of AWIA:
  - Assist EPA Water and Security Division (WSD) and EPA Regions in verifying the population served and provide accurate contact information for CWSs subject to AWIA in the State.
  - Participate in "train-the-trainer" sessions administered by EPA Water and Security Division (WSD). (Training plan is available for ASDWA/state review.)
  - Assist in providing technical assistance to those CWSs required to comply with the law.
  - Assist in communicating the new requirements, availability of tools and training materials, and certification processes.



## 10. Other Topics

**Harmful Algal Blooms:** In FY26-FY27, IDEM will continue to coordinate with the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to provide information about blue-green algae in Indiana waterways. This is part of ongoing efforts to reduce nutrient and HAB impacts to source water protection areas, implement EPA's cyanotoxin health advisories, and assist systems with treatment evaluations.

**Table of FY26 and FY27 National/Regional/State Measures**

Description	Agency and update schedule	Target
National Measures		
By September 30, 2026, reduce the number of community water systems still in noncompliance with health-based standards since March 31, 2021, from 752 to 500.	USEPA, quarterly <i>2 systems</i>	<b>State FY26 – FY27 Target:</b> Goal to address 1 system.
Regional Measures		<b>Minimum Target</b>
% of CWS and NCWS with sanitary surveys within the past 3 or 5 years as required by Statute.	Updated by Region 5 in April	<b>State FY26 -FY27</b> % CWS = 90% % NCWS = 90%
% of CWS where risk to public health is minimized through source water protection (SWP)	R5 WD SWP Program staff	<b>State FY26- FY27 target:</b> % CWS Systems = 79%
% of population served by CWS where risk to public health is minimized through source water protection	R5 WD SWP Program staff	<b>State FY26 – FY27 target:</b> % population served by CWS Systems = <b>78%</b>
% of <u>CWS systems</u> meeting all health-based standards	Updated by Region 5 WD in April	<b>CY23:</b> ≥95%
% of <u>population</u> served by CWS meeting all health-based standards	Updated by Region 5 WD in April	<b>CY23:</b> ≥95%
Regional Enforcement Measures		

<p>The number of priority systems (on the ETT list) that are addressed according to the USEPA Enforcement Response Policy (ERP) that identifies that priority systems are to be addressed with a formal enforcement action or a Return to Compliance (RTC) after 2 quarters (6 months).</p> <p>FY2023Q1 ETT list 71 systems in priority (starting point for the FY)</p> <p>CWS: 9</p> <p>TNCWS: 55</p> <p>NTNCWS: 7</p>	Updated by Region 5 ECAD	<p><b>State commitment through FY27:</b></p> <p>Address 80% of priority systems according to EPA ERP</p>
Shared Goals Measures		<b>Minimum Target</b>
1. % of <u>NTNCWSs</u> meeting all health-based standards	Shared Goals: Updated annually in April by Region 5	<b>CY23:</b> ≥95%
2. % of <u>TNCWSs</u> meeting all health-based standards	Shared Goals: Updated annually in April by Region 5	<b>CY23:</b> ≥90%
3. % of <u>population</u> served by CWSs with <u>significant /major monitoring violations</u>	Shared Goals: Updated annually in April by Region 5	<b>CY23:</b> 5%
4. % of <u>CWS systems</u> with <u>significant /major monitoring violations</u> (includes LCR Type 66 violations)	Shared Goals: Updated annually in April by Region 5	<b>CY23:</b> <15%
5. % of <u>NTNCWSs</u> with significant/major monitoring violations for <u>acute</u> health risks	Shared Goals: Updated annually in April by Region 5	<b>CY20:</b> <10%
6. % of <u>NTNCWSs</u> with significant/major monitoring violations for <u>chronic</u> health risks	Shared Goals: Updated annually in April by Region 5	<b>CY23:</b> <10%
7. % of <u>TNCWSs</u> with significant/major monitoring violations	Shared Goals: Updated annually in April by Region 5	<b>CY23:</b> <15%

## Office of Program Support (OPS)

Provide Compliance Assistance to Regulated Entities			P-1
IDEM Contact(s): Julie Rhodes	EPA R5 Contact(s) Robert Berkowitz	Due Date: Ongoing	
EPA R5 Role: Provide support and guidance.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	State		

- b) IDEM will work with businesses, municipalities, and trade associations to educate regulated entities on their compliance requirements. Provide guidance and technical assistance for compliance with air, waste and water regulations. Develop guidance, perform site visits, and answer calls about state and federal regulations.
- b) EPA R5 will provide support and guidance as needed.

Pollution Prevention Training and Outreach			P-2
IDEM Contact(s): Julie Rhodes	EPA R5 Contact(s): Susan Mooney	Due Date: Ongoing	
EPA R5 Role: Provide advice and guidance.			
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.		
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.		
Funding:	State		

- a) Provide pollution prevention training to small businesses and manufacturers in Indiana to assist them in reducing their use of toxic chemicals and in reducing hazardous or solid waste, water discharges, or air emissions. Work to develop internal business capabilities in identifying pollution prevention projects. Develop success stories from businesses in Indiana who are implementing pollution prevention and share those stories with other businesses with similar processes.
- b) EPA R5 will provide advice and guidance.

Measurement of State Recycling Rate		P-3
IDEM Contact(s): Pat Daniel	EPA R5 Contact(s): Susan Mooney	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Provide technical assistance and lend support to accomplish this goal.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	State	

- a) Continue to work with the waste hauler industry and recyclers to accurately report data regarding statewide recycling. The move from waste diversion estimates to actual recycling numbers will provide a more accurate percentage of statewide recycling and progress towards the goal of attaining a 50 percent statewide recycling

rate. Continue implementing the best reporting methods to ensure accurate recycling numbers are obtained and reduce double counting.

- b) EPA R5 will provide advice and guidance.

## Office of the Chief of Staff (CoS)

E-Enterprise		E-1
IDEM Contact(s): Hillary Alderete & Erik Winblad	EPA R5 Contact(s): Allen Melcer	Due Date: Ongoing
EPA R5 Role: Provide advice and guidance.		
Pillar 1:	Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American.	
Pillar 3:	Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership.	
Funding:	State	

- a) Improve environmental protection through better program performance that includes establishment of a formal agency wide process improvement program focusing on customer service and operational efficiency.
- b) Enhance services to stakeholders and agency partners through establishing an IDEM portal and by leveraging the government cloud and related services.
- c) Operate IDEM and EPA R5 partnership as a transformative model for joint governance.
- d) IDEM will annually report a list of ongoing or planned activities that fall within the scope of elements a) through c).
- e) IDEM and EPA R5 will work to increase coordination and information sharing between and across the Regions and States by using the E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform (EECIP). IDEM will add information to EECIP (<https://www.eecip.net/>) on projects initiated or completed by the agency that streamline or improve processes or enhance services to stakeholders and agency partners.