

Summary Environmental Rules Board
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Center Room A
Teams Meeting
Indianapolis, Indiana
Wednesday, June 11, 2025

A. Call to Order

Chair Etzler called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present: William Etzler, Dr. Joanne Alexandrovich, Calvin Davidson, Dr. Ted Niemiec, Chris Horn, Carrie Kozyrski, Ryan Mueller, Jaime Brown, Ric Zehr, John Ketzenberger, Eli Elliot, Katherine Nelson, and Clint Woods.

Chair Etzler had the board members introduce themselves and briefly describe what their position is on the board. He introduces Commissioner Clint Woods and Chief of Staff Hilary Alderete.

B. Approval of Meeting Summary of March 12, 2025

Chair Etzler called for approval of March 12, 2025, meeting summary, which was approved.

C. IDEM Reports

Commissioner's Report

Mr. Clint Woods, Commissioner, said that I have just been here for a month and week. You have been introduced to Hilary Alderete as our new Chief of Staff. She was the Chief Financial Officer. We will be having a new General Counsel starting soon. Briony Towler, former Controller, is now the Chief Financial Officer. We also have a new Legislative Director, Jake Torrie and others.

I am new to Indiana and IDEM but not new to the issues. I have worked in the private sector in Columbus, Ohio. Previously, I worked at U. S. EPA as a Deputy Assistant Director for Air and Radiation and also worked on Capitol Hill on a committee for Science, Space and Technology. Also, ran a group of state air agencies, including IDEM and the local agencies.

We have a lot of changes as we are moving forward with Governor Braun with a new structure on how the government will work with ten agencies and quasi agencies within our vertical. Secretary Suzie Jaworowski will oversee IDEM as well as other agencies. Parvonay Stover is the new Chief of Staff under Secretary Jaworowski.

The next area is what is happening with the General Assembly. Our agency bill on water cyber security has passed the Senate and is being considered by the House. Also, the bill for the confined feeding operation program and the frequency that we conduct inspections.

We presented the budget for IDEM with the small overall reduction and some investments in TEMPO, which is an environmental central data hub.

We are looking at several opportunities and challenges with the number of executive orders that have been signed by Governor Braun: everything from reducing regulation, becoming more competitive with other states in our region, and looking at opportunities to make sure we're identifying the right metrics and sharing data across agencies.

Dr. Alexandrovich had questions. Her questions were answered by the Commissioner.

Rules Update

Ms. Billie Franklin, Chief, Rules Development Section (RDS), Office of Legal Counsel (OLC), spoke on the rulemakings. Our next Environmental Rules Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2025. We anticipate presenting Lead and Copper Amendments and Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) for final adoptions. We are also planning to have No_xRact ready for preliminary adoption.

The board had no questions.

D. Rules

1. Title 327 Lead & Copper Amendments

Chair Etzler opened the discussion for the preliminary adoption of amendments to 327 IAC 8 for Drinking Water Reference Updates; Lead and Copper rulemaking. Ms. Krystal Hackney, Rule Writer, RDS, OLC, presented this rule. U.S. EPA published a final rule on January 15, 2021 (86 FR 4198), to revise the lead and copper rule at 40 CFR 141. These revisions require all community water systems to conduct lead-in-drinking-water testing and public education in schools and childcare facilities as well as provide accelerated lead service line replacements. On June 16, 2021, U.S. EPA published an update to the lead and copper rule to delay the rule's effective date from January 16, 2024, to October 16, 2024. IDEM's rulemaking amends Indiana's drinking water rule to be consistent with the 2021 federal rule. On October 30, 2024, U.S. EPA published a new final rule called Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). IDEM's current rulemaking is only to update IDEM's rules to include the 2021 revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule, not the LCRI. IDEM will consider incorporation of the LCRI in future rulemaking.

This rulemaking also includes replacing the current full text language in 327 IAC 8 with equivalent incorporation by reference to the federal drinking water regulations. The purpose of this change is to ensure consistency and to allow for faster rule updates when the federal rules change. Lastly, this rulemaking also updates references to the Recommended Standards for Water Works and the AWWA standards that are cited in 327 IAC 8 to the versions in place as of December 31, 2023. By updating these standards to the more current editions, this rulemaking will ensure that 327 IAC 8 is consistent with the design, engineering, and testing standards that public water systems are already implementing.

Dr. Alexandrovich had a question. Her question was answered by IDEM staff.

Mr. Davidson moved to preliminary adopt the rule and Mr. Horn. By a roll-call vote, the rule was preliminarily adopted.

2. Title 329 Waste Tire Financial Assurance Update

Chair Etzler opened the discussion for final adoption of the Waste Tire Financial Assurance. Mr. Dan Watts, Rule Writer, RDS, OLC, presented this rule. Mr. Watts requested that the board consider the final adoption of the Waste Tire Financial Assurance rule. This rule is proposing updates to the waste tire management rule to be consistent with recent statutory changes for waste tire definitions and financial assurance for waste tire facilities.

Ms. Nelson moved to adopt the rule and Mr. Ketzenberger seconded. By a roll-call vote, the rule was final adopted.

F. Non-Rule Actions

No discussion

G. Other Matters

1. Open Forum

No discussion

2. Tentative Date and Location of Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively May 14, 2025, Indiana Government Center-South, Conference Room A, 10 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

H. Adjournment

Chair Etzler adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.



CHAIRPERSON

The summary is derived from Rules Development Branch staff members' notes. A typewritten transcript of the entire meeting is on file in the Office of Legal Counsel, Indiana Department of Environmental Management and will be made available on the IDEM rules website. To view approved summaries, you may go online to

<https://www.in.gov/idem/legal/rulemaking/environmental-rules-board-packets/>.

