



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

# Press Release



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### **IDEM to provide water filters for Superfund residents in East Chicago**

INDIANAPOLIS-The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) today announced it has contracted with North American Aqua Environmental, LLC, to install water filters for residents living in Zones 2 and 3 of the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Indiana.

Out of an abundance of caution for residents in the USS Lead Superfund site, IDEM has contracted with a private company that will provide water filter installation along with two additional replacement cartridges. This work is expected to begin during the **week of April 10th** and conclude no later than April 30th.

U.S. EPA is planning to resume soil excavation work in Zones 2 and 3 in early May. Remediation activities sometimes disturb lead water lines, and there is a chance that small particles of lead can break off and get into the water. The filters are designed to protect residents in the Superfund site from this construction-related risk. Please note that the East Chicago public water system meets all Safe Drinking Water Act standards and has been in compliance with U.S. EPA's Lead and Copper Rule since 1993.

Letters will be sent to all residents in Zones 2 and 3 with installation information. For more information, please visit <http://HealthyEC.IN.gov>.

### **About IDEM**

IDEM ([www.idem.IN.gov](http://www.idem.IN.gov)) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.

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