



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Preliminary Findings Regarding a New Source Construction and  
Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP)

for Fulcrum Centerpoint, LLC in Lake County

FESOP No.: F089-44042-00660

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has received an application from Fulcrum Centerpoint, LLC, located at 6200 Industrial Highway, Gary, Indiana 46406, for a new source construction and FESOP. If approved by IDEM's Office of Air Quality (OAQ), this proposed permit would allow Fulcrum Centerpoint, LLC to construct and operate a new biorefinery. The biorefinery will accept a Processed Engineered Feedstock ("Feedstock") for its gasification, Fischer-Tropsch ("FT") liquids and renewable transportation fuel production process. The ultimate product will be low carbon, renewable transportation fuels. Feedstock for the biorefinery will be produced offsite at separate facilities from Municipal Solid Waste ("MSW"), otherwise destined for landfills in Indiana and Illinois, and then transported to the biorefinery in trucks. The Project will not incinerate or combust MSW, rather it will convert Feedstock into low carbon, renewable transportation fuel.

The applicant intends to construct and operate new equipment that will emit air pollutants. The potential to emit regulated pollutants will be limited to less than the TV and/or PSD major threshold levels, respectively. IDEM has reviewed this application, and has developed preliminary findings, consisting of a draft permit and several supporting documents, that would allow the applicant to make this change.

A copy of the permit application and IDEM's preliminary findings have been sent to:

Gary Public Library and Cultural Center  
220 W 5th Ave  
Gary, IN 46402-1270

and

IDEM Northwest Regional Office  
330 W. US Highway 30, Suites E & F  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

A copy of the preliminary findings is available on the Internet at: <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/idem-caats/>.

A copy of the application and preliminary findings is also available via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC). To access VFC, please go to: <https://www.in.gov/idem/> and enter VFC in the search box. You will then have the option to search for permit documents using a variety of criteria.

### How can you participate in this process?

This notice is posted on IDEM's website (<https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>). The date that this notice is posted on IDEM's website marks the beginning of the public comment period. IDEM will be conducting a public hearing. IDEM has posted a separate announcement of the date, time, and location of the public hearing on IDEM's website (<https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>). The public comment

period will end on Monday, May 2, 2022. At a hearing, you will have an opportunity to submit written comments and make verbal comments. All comments must be postmarked, faxed, emailed, or delivered in person by Monday, May 2, 2022.

Comments and supporting documentation should be sent in writing to IDEM at the address below. If you comment via e-mail, please include your full U.S. mailing address so that you can be added to IDEM's mailing list to receive notice of future action related to this permit. If you do not want to comment at this time, but would like to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM at the address below. Please refer to permit number F089-44042-00660 in all correspondence.

**Comments should be sent to:**

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IDEM, Office of Air Quality  
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(800) 451-6027, ask for Andrew Belt or (317) 232-3217  
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All comments will be considered by IDEM when we make a decision to issue or deny the permit. Comments that are most likely to affect final permit decisions are those based on the rules and laws governing this permitting process (326 IAC 2), air quality issues, and technical issues. IDEM does not have legal authority to regulate zoning, odor, or noise. For such issues, please contact your local officials.

For additional information about air permits and how the public and interested parties can participate, refer to the IDEM Air Permits page on the Internet at: <https://www.in.gov/idem/airpermit/public-participation/>; and the Citizens' Guide to IDEM on the Internet at: <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/>.

**What will happen after IDEM makes a decision?**

Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision stating whether the permit has been issued or denied. If the permit is issued, it may be different than the draft permit because of comments that were received during the public comment period. If comments are received during the public notice period, the final decision will include a document that summarizes the comments and IDEM's response to those comments. If you have submitted comments or have asked to be added to the mailing list, you will receive a Notice of the Decision. The notice will provide details on how you may appeal IDEM's decision, if you disagree with that decision. The final decision will also be available on the Internet at the address indicated above and will also be sent to the local library indicated above, the IDEM Regional Office indicated above, and the IDEM public file room on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Indiana Government Center North, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Belt or my staff at the above address.



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Office of Air Quality