



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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To: Interested Parties
Date: August 16, 2022
From: Jenny Acker, Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Quality
Source Name: Fulcrum Centerpoint, LLC
Permit Level: FESOP – New Source Construction (Minor PSD/EO)
Permit Number: 089-44042-00660
Source Location: 6200 Industrial Highway Gary, IN 46406
Type of Action Taken: Initial Permit

Notice of Decision: Approval - Effective Immediately

Please be advised that on behalf of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management, I have issued a decision regarding the matter referenced above:

The final decision is available on the IDEM website at: <http://www.in.gov/apps/idem/caats/>
To view the document, choose Search Option by **Permit Number**, then enter permit 44042. This search will also provide the application received date, **draft permit** public notice starts and end date, and **final** permit issuance date.

The final decision is also available via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (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.

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If you would like to request a paper copy of the permit document, please contact IDEM's Office of Records Management:

IDEM - Office of Records Management
Indiana Government Center North, Room 1207
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: (317) 232-8667
Fax: (317) 233-6647
Email: IDEMFILEROOM@idem.in.gov

Pursuant to IC 13-15-5-3, this permit is effective immediately, unless a petition for stay of effectiveness is filed and granted according to IC 13-15-6-3, and may be revoked or modified in accordance with the provisions of IC 13-15-7-1.

If you wish to challenge this decision, IC 4-21.5-3 and IC 13-15-6-1 require that you file a petition for administrative review. This petition may include a request for stay of effectiveness and must be submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication, 100 North Senate Avenue, Government Center North, Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204, **within eighteen (18) calendar days of the mailing of this notice**. The filing of a petition for administrative review is complete on the earliest of the following dates that apply to the filing:

- (1) the date the document is delivered to the Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA);
- (2) the date of the postmark on the envelope containing the document, if the document is mailed to OEA by U.S. mail; or
- (3) The date on which the document is deposited with a private carrier, as shown by receipt issued by the carrier, if the document is sent to the OEA by private carrier.

The petition must include facts demonstrating that you are either the applicant, a person aggrieved or adversely affected by the decision or otherwise entitled to review by law. Please identify the permit, decision, or other order for which you seek review by permit number, name of the applicant, location, date of this notice and all of the following:

- (1) the name and address of the person making the request;
- (2) the interest of the person making the request;
- (3) identification of any persons represented by the person making the request;
- (4) the reasons, with particularity, for the request;
- (5) the issues, with particularity, proposed for considerations at any hearing; and
- (6) identification of the terms and conditions which, in the judgment of the person making the request, would be appropriate in the case in question to satisfy the requirements of the law governing documents of the type issued by the Commissioner.

If you have technical questions regarding the enclosed documents, please contact the Office of Air Quality, Permits Branch at (317) 233-0178. Callers from within Indiana may call toll-free at 1-800-451-6027, ext. 3-0178.

What if you are not satisfied with this decision and you want to file an appeal?

Who may file an appeal?

The decision described in the accompanying Notice of Decision may be administratively appealed. Filing an appeal is formally known as filing a "Petition for Administrative Review" to request an "administrative hearing."

If you object to this decision issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and are: 1) the person to whom the decision was directed, 2) a party specified by law as being eligible to appeal, or 3) aggrieved or adversely affected by the decision, you are entitled to file an appeal. (An aggrieved or adversely affected person is one who would be considered by the court to be negatively impacted by the decision. If you file an appeal because you feel that you are aggrieved, it will be up to you to demonstrate in your appeal how you are directly impacted in a negative way by the decision).

The Indiana Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA) was established by state law – see Indiana Code (IC) 4-21.5-7 – and is a separate state agency independent of IDEM. The jurisdiction of the OEA is limited to the review of environmental pollution concerns or any alleged technical or legal deficiencies associated with the IDEM decision making process. Once your request has been received by OEA, your appeal may be considered by an Environmental Law Judge.

What is required of persons filing an appeal?

Filing an appeal is a legal proceeding, so it is suggested that you consult with an attorney. Your request for an appeal must include your name and address and identify your interest in the decision (Or, if you are representing someone else, his or her name and address and their interest in the decision). In addition, please include a photocopy of the accompanying Notice of Decision or list the permit number and name of the applicant, or responsible party, in your letter.

Before a hearing is granted, you must identify the reason for the appeal request and the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing. You also must identify the permit terms and conditions that, in your judgment, would appropriately satisfy the requirements of law with respect to the IDEM decision being appealed. That is, you must suggest an alternative to the language in the permit (or other order, or decision) being appealed, and your suggested changes must be consistent with all applicable laws (See Indiana Code 13-15-6-2) and rules (See Title 315 of the Indiana Administrative Code, or 315 IAC).

The effective date of this agency action is stated on the accompanying Notice of Decision (or other IDEM decision notice). If you file a "Petition for Administrative Review" (appeal), you may wish to specifically request that the action be "stayed" (temporarily halted) because most appeals do not allow for an automatic "stay." If, after an evidentiary hearing, a "stay" is granted, the IDEM-approved action may be halted altogether, or only allowed to continue in part, until a final decision has been made regarding the appeal. However, if the action is not "stayed" the IDEM-approved activity will be allowed to continue during the appeal process.

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Where can you file an appeal?

If you wish to file an appeal, you must do so in writing. There are no standard forms to fill out and submit, so you must state your case in a letter (called a petition for administrative review) to the Indiana Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA). Do not send the original copy of your appeal request to IDEM. Instead, send or deliver your letter to:

The Indiana Office of Environmental Adjudication
100 North Senate Ave.
Indiana Government Center North
Room N103
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2273

If you file an appeal, also please send a copy of your appeal letter to the IDEM contact person identified in the Notice of Decision, and to the applicant (person receiving an IDEM permit, or other approval).

Your appeal (petition for administrative review) must be received by the Office of Environmental Adjudication in a timely manner. Different types of permit approvals have different deadlines for filing an appeal. The accompanying Notice of Decision (NOD) explains how to determine the due date for filing an appeal for this particular permit decision. To ensure that you meet this filing requirement, your appeal request must be:

- 1) Delivered in person to the OEA by the close-of-business on the due date. (If the due date falls on a day when the Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA) is closed for the weekend or for a state holiday, then your petition will be accepted on the next business day on which OEA is open.); or
- 2) Given to a private carrier who will deliver it to the OEA on your behalf, (and from whom you must obtain a receipt dated on or before the due date); or
- 3) For those appeal requests sent by U.S. Mail, your letter must be postmarked by no later than midnight of the due date; or
- 4) Faxed to the OEA at 317/233-9372 before the close-of-business of the due date, provided that the original signed "Petition for Administrative Review" is also sent, or delivered, to the OEA in a timely manner.

What are the costs associated with filing an appeal?

The OEA does not charge a fee for filing documents for an administrative review or for the use of its hearing facilities. However, OEA does charge a fifteen cent (\$.15) per page fee for copies of any documents you may request. Another cost that could be associated with your appeal would be for attorney's fees. Although you have the option to act as your own attorney, the administrative review and associated hearing are complex legal proceedings; therefore, you should consider whether your interests would be better represented by an experienced attorney.

What can you expect from the Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA) after you file for an appeal?

The OEA will provide you with notice of any prehearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearings, "stays," or orders disposing of the review of this decision. In addition, you may contact the OEA by phone at 317/233-0850 or via email at Frontdesk@OEA.IN.GOV with any scheduling questions. However, technical questions should be directed to IDEM at the number indicated on the Notice of Decision.

Do not expect to discuss details of your case with the OEA other than in a formal setting such as a prehearing conference, a formal hearing, or a settlement conference. The OEA is not allowed to discuss a case without all sides being present. All parties to the proceeding are expected to appear at the initial prehearing conference.