

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHO OVERSEES INDIANA'S ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS?

Environmental regulations in the state of Indiana are governed through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The various compliance and permitting programs administered by IDEM receive their authority through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Indiana General Assembly via Title 13 of Indiana Code. IDEM employs highly qualified engineers, scientists, and environmental project managers who specialize in air, land, and water quality issues and pollution prevention. These professionals work in partnership with the IEDC to provide a unified approach towards Indiana's business friendly environment.

WHAT DOES IDEM DO?

The mission of IDEM is to protect human health and the environment while allowing the environmentally sound operations of industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental activities vital to a prosperous economy.

WHICH KEY AREAS DOES IDEM OPERATE WITHIN?

The majority of permitting programs are divided among three quality offices: air, water, and land. Each quality office has an assistant commissioner and deputy commissioners that bring decades of experience to the forefront of their work. Additionally, IDEM has four regional offices that are part of their greater Office of Program Support. These regional offices serve as a conduit between the central state office and the residents, municipalities, and businesses located throughout the state.

HOW DOES IEDC FACILITATE PERMITTING NEEDS WITH IDEM?

Through the Indiana Business Ombudsman, the IEDC communicates regularly with IDEM to coordinate the best permitting paths for companies. While the IEDC cannot guarantee any permitting approvals, we can help process the necessary steps to ensure the permitting process is as smooth as possible. A benefit of Indiana's regulatory environment is that IDEM has no backlog on permit applications and is typically able to issue a final permit decision in advance of statutory deadlines.

GENERAL PERMIT PROCESS TIPS

(may be applicable to air, water, or land permit applications)

1. Hire an Environmental Consultant

Environmental consultants are experts in their field and typically come from a regulatory or legal background. They will be able to assist companies in navigating the complex nature that is environmental regulation.

2. Meet with IDEM Ahead of Application Submission

IDEM, while a regulator, has shown time and again they seek to promote and foster a business-friendly environment in Indiana that allows them to also serve as the stewards of Indiana's environmental wellbeing. Putting faces with names and explaining overarching approaches from both sides before a permit application is officially submitted goes a long way ensuring goals can be achieved together.

3. Have Emission and Effluent Analysis Prepared Ahead of Time

Understanding industrial outputs and providing information in a timely manner to IDEM will help ensure the permitting process runs as efficiently as possible.



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IDEM OVERVIEW

GREAT GOVERNMENT SERVICE

45 DAYS (2016) → 3.9 DAYS (2021)

Average number of days to issue inspection reports
Air / Land / Water Compliance

0% BACKLOG

Percentage of all permits issued ahead of the allowed time
Air / Land / Water Permits

99.4%

Percentage of Hoosiers with excellent drinking water*

97.1%

Percentage of Hoosiers with clean air**

*Measures the public water systems that did NOT have any violations

**Measures the percentage of the State's population by county and/or township that meets ALL air quality standards

WATER

REDUCING SEWAGE TO OUR STREAMS

107 COMMUNITIES

Have completed or are implementing projects to dramatically reduce raw sewage discharges

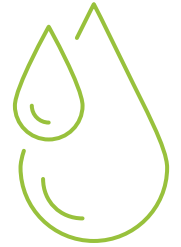
INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

\$1.47 BILLION

Investment in water infrastructure

\$331 MILLION

Savings to communities through the State Revolving Fund



AIR

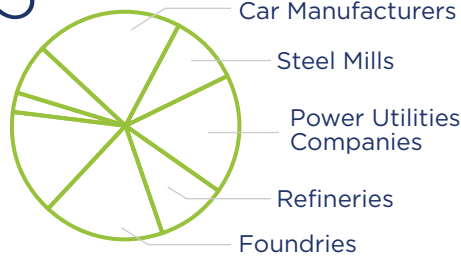
87 INDIANA COUNTIES

meet all federal air quality standards

The 5 remaining counties meet all federal air quality standards except for one pollutant issue that keeps them out of attainment.

3,235

Top permitted sources in the State



LAND

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moving sites to productive use

- 2017: 1,850
- 2018: 1,940
- 2019: 2,080
- 2020: 2,246

COMMUNITY & BUSINESS SUPPORT

COMPLIANCE & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- 2017: 876
- 2018: 987
- 2019: 1,931
- 2020: 1,393

A total of 5,187 requests for confidential compliance assistance were received since 2017

WHY INDIANA?

Zero additional state regulatory requirements will be imposed above what the federal government requires ("no more stringent than" language is embedded throughout Indiana Code to prevent over regulation).

Indiana has the fastest lead times in the country, and this is largely due to no backlog of permit applications in the system.

Only state in the country with an assigned inter-agency and regulatory ombudsman staff embedded within our economic development group.

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