

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMPLETENESS AND AVAILABILITY OF AN
ANTIDegradation DEMONSTRATION.**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 2012 – 1E – ADD

NOTICE DATE: JANUARY 16, 2012

RESPONSE DATE DUE: FEBRUARY 16, 2012

HUNTERTOWN (town) WWTP, ALLEN COUNTY, 15617 Lima Rd, Huntertown, IN.

I. ANTIDegradation DEMONSTRATION: Huntertown submitted their original Antidegradation Demonstration to IDEM on April 4, 2011 and the final, under the provisions of 327 IAC 5-2-11.3(b), was submitted December 9, 2011. Huntertown is seeking to disconnect from the City of Fort Wayne's POTW and become a direct discharger to Geller Ditch. Based on a review of the Antidegradation Demonstration, IDEM has determined the application to be complete per 327 IAC 5-2-11.3(b). IDEM is providing Public Notice of the receipt of the Antidegradation Demonstration in accordance with 327 IAC 5-2-11.2 in order to solicit public comment. Published in the Journal Gazette.

II. Facility Operations: Huntertown owns, operates and maintains a sanitary sewer collection system that serves approximately 2,814 customers within their sewer service area and transports the wastewater to the City of Fort Wayne for treatment and final discharge into the Maumee River. Fort Wayne has been transporting and treating wastewater from Huntertown by contract since the initial connection was made at Carroll Road in 1988.

The allowable average flow from Huntertown to Fort Wayne is limited to 650,000 gallons per day (GPD) and the allowable peak flow from Huntertown to Fort Wayne is limited to 2,160,000 GPD. Huntertown proposes to build a new sanitary wastewater treatment plant capable of treating an average wastewater flow of 1,500,000 GPD and a peak flow of 4,500,000 GPD. The proposed receiving stream is Geller Ditch located in the Wabash River drainage basin. Geller Ditch is designated for full-body contact recreation and shall be capable of supporting a well balanced, warm water aquatic community in accordance with 327 IAC 2-1-6.

III. IDEM Contact Person: Mr. Steve Roush, Office of Water Quality /NPDES Permits Branch, 100 N Senate Av, IN, 46204-2251. Phone: 317/233-5747 or Email: sroush@idem.in.gov.

IV. Comments/Public Meeting: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, or request a Public Meeting, in regard to the Antidegradation Demonstration. All comments or requests should be sent to the attention of Mr. Steve Roush at the above address and must be postmarked **within 30 days of the Public Notice date listed above**. Any request for a Public Meeting shall be made in writing and shall include: the name and address of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request and the issues proposed for consideration at the Meeting. The Department will hold a Public Meeting if requested. If a Public Meeting is scheduled, a Public Notice will be published at least 10 days prior to the Public Meeting in at least one newspaper in the geographical area of the discharge and sent to those persons submitting comments. All written comments received during the Public Notice period or during the Public Meeting will be considered.

V. Additional Information: The Antidegradation Demonstration is available for inspection at IDEM (above address) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., M - F, excluding state holidays (copies 10¢ per page).

VI. Notice of Final Permit Determination: IDEM will provide notice of the final determination on the NPDES permit to all persons who submit written comments, or who request a Public Meeting, on the Antidegradation Demonstration. Persons wishing to receive notice of the final determination on the NPDES permit who do not submit written comments or request a Public Meeting must submit a written request for such notice to the IDEM contact person above, Section III.