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Shoreline Industry Factsheet Overview

Lake Michigan



What Does Save the Dunes Do?

- Save the Dunes has developed a Water Pollution Prevention Plan to work with stakeholders, industry, and IDEM to create a culture of pollution prevention in Northwest Indiana.
- In the event of an emergency, Save the Dunes will alert members and supporters about the facts on the ground and issue "Action Alerts" to empower community members to take action. Be sure to sign up for newsletters and/or become a member at savedunes.org.



Clean Water Act Basics

- The Clean Water Act established the basic structure for regulating the release of pollutants (and related water quality standards) into waters of the United States in Indiana.
- The Clean Water Act made it unlawful to discharge any pollutant from a point source (i.e. a pipe or outfall) into waterways in Indiana without a permit issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).
- Discharges by any facility into Lake Michigan and its tributaries require a NPDES permit.

What Can You Do?

- Be aware of NPDES permit renewal dates. The public can usually provide comments around 30 days after a permit draft is published. Research any specifics that you are interested in including prior to submitting your public comment.
- Stay Connected with us! Make sure you are connected with Save the Dunes on social media and join our email list to be notified of emerging situations and action alerts. Sign up on our website today!



What is a NPDES permit?

- "NPDES" are National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits that regulate the amount of pollutants an industry can release each day and month.
- Valid for a period of five years
- NPDES permits also require that regular monitoring and reporting is conducted to ensure pollutant discharges do not harm people or the environment (i.e. that there are no NPDES permit violations).



What Happens if a NPDES Permit is Violated?

- The relevant regulatory body determines appropriate penalties based on the severity of the violation -penalties may range from fines to legal action.
- The Department of Justice may resolve lawsuits brought by the government, citizens and/or non-profits with a "Consent Decree", which is a legal agreement that outlines penalties and corrective action that the facility must follow - in addition to their NPDES permit - to remain in compliance.

For more information, visit our website at savedunes.org/shoreline_industry_info/



Or go to IDEM's "Lake Michigan Sites of Interest" page at <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/lake-michigan-sites-of-interest/>

TO REPORT A POTENTIAL POLLUTION INCIDENT PLEASE CONTACT:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
24-Hour Emergency Toll Free Spill Lines:
(888) 233-7745 or (317) 233-7745

National Response Center Line to Report an Environmental Emergency:
1-800-424-8802