



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Duneland School Corporation
601 West Morgan Avenue
Chesterton, IN 46304
Attention: Dr. Chip Pettit
cpettit@duneland.k12.in.us

Dear Dr. Chip Pettit:

Re: **Review of Excess Liability Trust Fund
Eligibility Application – Final Determination**
Special Service Center
1012 North Old State Road 49
Chesterton, IN 46304 – Porter County
Incident #202303509
FID #9550

On March 18, 2025, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management received your application for ELTF eligibility regarding the occurrence (release) identified as Incident # 202303509. The suspected release was reported to IDEM on March 29, 2023, and confirmed on June 28, 2023. The eligibility for this release is approved. This is not a determination of the applicant's eligible party status.

The eligibility file for this incident contains the following information:

Deductible (per IC 13-23-9-1.3(a)(1))	\$15,000.00
Past Due Annual Fees (per IC 13-23-9-1.3(b)(1))	\$0.00
Additional Amount of \$1,000 for each delinquent tank fee, as billed. (per IC 13-23-9-1.3(b)(2)) *	NA
Total Reduction in Amount available from ELTF	\$15,000.00

* Any applicable additional amounts are not owed to the State but are added to the deductible for the total reduction in the amount reimbursed from ELTF.

Visit on.in.gov/survey or scan the QR code to provide feedback.

We appreciate your input!



Costs for corrective action associated with this occurrence will be reimbursed based on the rules and statutes in place at the time the costs were incurred.

Please note that as required by 328 IAC 1-3-3(a)(2) you must submit all claims for payment of reimbursable costs related to the ISC conducted under 329 IAC 9-5-5.1 within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after submittal of all reports required under 329 IAC 9. Additionally, any remaining claims for payment of reimbursable costs must be submitted within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the date those costs were incurred. In addition, all re-submittals associated with any disallowed cost must be received by the department within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the denial of the claim.

Pursuant to IC 13-23-9-4, you may appeal this determination by filing a written request for review with the Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings (OALP) not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of this determination if delivered by email, or not later than eighteen (18) days after the date of this determination if delivered exclusively via U.S. Mail. Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-7, you may request that the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings conduct a hearing to review this determination, under IC 4-21.5, in its entirety, or you may limit your request for review to specific portions of the determination. The request for review should be sent to:

Office of Administrative Law Proceedings
100 North Senate Avenue
Government Center North
Suite N802
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Failure to properly submit a request for review within the time period described above waives your right to administrative review of this determination pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-7 and your right to judicial review of the determination pursuant to IC 4-21.5-5-4. The request for review must contain the following information:

1. A statement of facts demonstrating that: you are the person to whom this determination is specifically directed; you are aggrieved or adversely affected by this determination; or you are entitled to review as a matter of law.
2. Identification of the specific portions of the determination to be reviewed and the legal basis for your challenge to this determination should be included in your request for review. In addition, your request should include the name, address and telephone number of the entity or individual to whom this determination is specifically directed. A copy of this letter should be attached to the request for review.
3. A copy of the request for review should be sent to:

ELTF Administrator
c/o Timothy E. Veatch, Petroleum Branch Chief
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue-Room 1101
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

If you do appeal this determination, you will be notified by the Office of Administrative Law Proceedings regarding your cause number and prehearing date.

This determination is based upon review of the documentation presented to IDEM as well as documents previously submitted and made available to the ELTF Program. If additional information or documentation is subsequently provided, IDEM reserves the right to modify this determination as the situation may warrant. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Kate Robinson via email krobinso@idem.in.gov or phone at (317) 233-2511.

Sincerely,



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Branch Chief
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cc: IDEM Petroleum Remediation Section – Attention: Schoenbeck, Allison N
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