



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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August 20, 2025

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John Mick, President
Responsible Energy Operations LLC
625 North 9th Street
Petersburg, IN 47567

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CT Corporation System, Registered Agent
334 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: Notice of Violation and Proposed Agreed Order
Responsible Energy Operations LLC
Plant ID No. 125-00010
Petersburg, Pike County
Case No. 2023-29246-A

Qualified offer of settlement: inadmissible pursuant to Rule 408 of the Ind. Rules of Evidence. IDEM asserts that any offer to compromise a claim or any acceptance of such offer does not bind or obligate the parties of this enforcement action in the absence of a final order of the agency.

Dear John Mick:

This is to advise that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") has conducted an investigation of Responsible Energy Operations LLC located at 1592 North State Route 61 Entry/Exit Highway 56, Petersburg, Indiana. As a result of information obtained during that investigation, IDEM has made a preliminary determination that a violation of an environmental rule and permit condition exists. Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, enclosed please find a Notice of Violation that sets forth the alleged violation, and a proposed Agreed Order which constitutes a qualified offer of settlement.

You may request a settlement conference to discuss the allegation and the actions necessary to correct and resolve the violation, which may include injunctive relief and the establishment of a compliance schedule. Payment of a civil penalty will also be discussed. The civil penalty amount noted in the proposed Agreed Order contains a preliminary penalty figure for settlement discussion purposes only and is based on penalty calculations associated with the alleged violation set forth in the Notice of Violation. A portion of the civil penalty may be offset by performing an approved Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). Typical SEPs have included pollution prevention, pollution control, and environmental restoration projects. A copy of IDEM's SEP policy may be obtained from this office or at IDEM's website at www.IN.gov/idem.

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

We appreciate your input!



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The individual signing the enclosed Agreed Order should be a designated manager or, in the absence of a manager, a member of the limited liability corporation. The timely entry into an Agreed Order, which saves you and IDEM time and resources, may lead to a reduction in the civil penalty.

IDEM is not required to extend the offer of entry into an Agreed Order for more than sixty days. You may enter into an Agreed Order without admitting that the violation occurred. If an Agreed Order is not entered into, IDEM may proceed to issue a unilateral notice and order requiring compliance with the environmental rule and permit condition, including payment of a civil penalty. Please contact me at 317-232-8412 or LHayhurs@idem.in.gov if you have any questions or if you wish to request a settlement conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Ward
Case Manager
Enforcement Section
Office of Air Quality

Enclosures:

cc: Kevin Houston, Responsible Energy Operations LLC,
khouston@responsibleenergy.com
Korre Ubelhore, Responsible Energy Operations LLC,
Kubelhor@responsibleenergy.com
Lisa Ward, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, OAQ
Daniel Roos, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, OAQ
Randall Hoffman, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, OAQ
<http://www.IN.gov/idem>

resulting in quicker correction of the environmental violation and avoidance of extensive litigation. Timely settlement by Agreed Order may result in a reduced civil penalty. Also, settlement discussions will allow Respondent the opportunity to present any mitigating factors that may be relevant to the violation.

If an Agreed Order is not entered into within sixty (60) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation, the Commissioner may issue a Notice and Order under IC 13-30-3-4 containing the actions that must be taken to correct the violation and requiring the payment of an appropriate civil penalty. Pursuant to IC 13-30-4-1, the Commissioner may assess penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation.

Please contact Lisa Ward at 317-232-8412 or LHayhurs@idem.in.gov within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this Notice to discuss resolution of this matter.

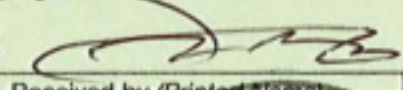

For the Commissioner:




Date: 8-20-25

Janusz Johnson, Chief
Compliance and Enforcement Branch
Office of Air Quality

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From: [Kevin Houston](#)
To: [ROBERTS, GOLDIE](#)
Subject: Read: Responsible Energy Operations LLC (#29246-A) Notice of Violation & Proposed Agreed Order
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 5:29:53 PM

Your message

To: Kevin Houston

Subject: Responsible Energy Operations LLC (#29246-A) Notice of Violation & Proposed Agreed Order

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