



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Eric J. Holcomb  
*Governor*

Bruno L. Pigott  
*Commissioner*

March 11, 2020

Mr. Kurt Thiede  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. EPA, Region V  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Dear Mr. Thiede:

Re: Proposed inclusion of the North  
5<sup>th</sup> Street Groundwater  
Contamination Site, Goshen,  
Elkhart County, Indiana, on the  
National Priorities List of  
Hazardous Waste Sites

I am writing to recommend inclusion of the North 5<sup>th</sup> Street Groundwater Contamination Site on the National Priorities List (NPL) of hazardous waste sites. The Site (EPA ID # INN000510667) consists of a contaminated groundwater plume that is impacting four (4) of the city's nine (9) municipal wells that provide drinking water to residents of Goshen. The raw water in the four (4) municipal wells has been contaminated primarily with cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE) below U.S. EPA drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

The Goshen Water Utility operates the drinking water treatment plant in Goshen and provides drinking water for over 32,267 people in Goshen. The four (4) impacted wells supply drinking water to approximately 13,352 people. IDEM has identified at least 64 commercial/industrial facilities that may be considered possible sources of the contamination to the well field through laboratory verified sampling.

This site qualifies for inclusion on the NPL based on the following:

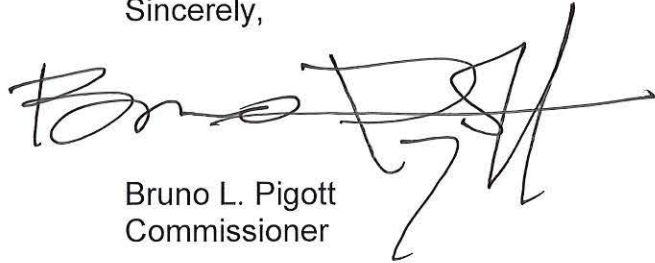
- 1) The site meets the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) criteria for listing on the NPL, as the site scores sufficiently high pursuant to the Hazard Ranking System (HRS); and
- 2) The site requires a long-term response action.

A NPL listing would allow for proper and timely investigation into the nature and extent of the contamination of the potential sources and enable the U.S. EPA to

determine cleanup alternatives for the impacted areas, thereby protecting human health and the environment. The NPL listing is the most viable alternative for addressing the existing environmental problems.

As IDEM Commissioner, I am authorized by Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb to act in these matters on his behalf. I have considered my staff's recommendations and I fully support the designation of the North 5<sup>th</sup> Street Groundwater Contamination Site for inclusion on the NPL. I request that the U.S. EPA assign a Remedial Project Manager and/or On-Scene Coordinator to implement the process. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Dan Chesterson of the Site Investigation Program at 317-233-7528 or via email at [dchester@idem.in.gov](mailto:dchester@idem.in.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruno L. Pigott', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bruno L. Pigott  
Commissioner

cc: Denise Boone, U.S. EPA  
Nuria Muniz, U.S. EPA