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May 13, 2022

Via Email to: psinders@gmail.com
Mr. Paul Sinderson, County Commissioner
Clay County Commissioners
609 E. National Ave
Brazil, Indiana 47834

Dear Mr. Sinderson:

Re: Inspection Summary/ Enforcement Referral
Coalmont
Coalmont, Clay County

An inspection of the above-referenced facility or location was conducted by a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Quality, pursuant to IC 13-18-3-9. A summary of the inspection is provided below:

Date(s) of Inspection: May 12, 2022
Type of Inspection: Reconnaissance Inspection
Inspection Results: Violations were observed and will be referred to the Enforcement Section.

The following concerns were noted:

A complaint, that was originally submitted to EPA on November 9, 2020, was forwarded to the IDEM inspector on March 25, 2021. The complaint states that complainant lives in a community (Coalmont) that has no sewage system. Water from sinks and washers run into ditches, along with possibly sewage. The complainant is concerned about public health issues related to septic wastewater in roadside and back yard ditches. This was originally inspected on April 1, 2021 by IDEM staff with a subsequent visit on May 12, 2022. Conditions noted in the April 1, 2021 inspection are still present.

410 Indiana Administrative Code 6-8.3-52 states that: No person shall throw, run, drain, seep, or otherwise dispose into any of the surface waters or ground waters of this state, or cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown, run, drained, allowed to seep, or otherwise disposed into such waters, any organic or inorganic matter from a dwelling or residential on-site sewage system that would cause or contribute to a health hazard or water pollution. (b) The: (1) design; (2) construction; (3) installation; (4) location; (5) maintenance; and (6) operation; of residential on-site sewage systems shall

comply with the provisions of this rule.

Pursuant to Indiana Code (IC) 13-30-2-1(1), a person may not discharge, emit, cause, allow or threaten to discharge, emit, cause, or allow any contaminant or waste, including any noxious odor, either alone or in combination with contaminants from other sources, into the environment.

Pursuant to IC 13-18-4-5, it is unlawful for any person to throw, run, drain or otherwise dispose into any of the streams or waters of Indiana; or cause, permit, or suffer to be thrown, run, drained, allowed to seep, or otherwise disposed into any waters; any organic or inorganic matter that contributes to a polluted condition of any waters, as determined by a rule of the board adopted under sections 1 and 3 of this chapter.

Based on the inspector's observations, many septic systems in the community may not be compliant with the aforementioned Indiana State Department of Health rule and also appear to be discharging directly to waters of the State. This is a violation of the above referenced regulations and the County must address this public health and water quality issue.

Within 10 days of receipt of this letter, a written detailed response documenting correction of the concerns listed above and/or a plan for assuring future compliance must be submitted to this office. Please direct your response to this letter to our letterhead address or via email to OWQenforcement@idem.IN.gov. Additionally, this matter is being referred to the OWQ Enforcement Section for appropriate action. If formal action is initiated, you will be issued a Notice of Violation informing you of how to proceed in resolving this matter. Any questions regarding the enclosed report should be directed to Holly Zurcher at 317-954-8028 or by email to hzurcher@idem.IN.gov. A copy of the NPDES Wastewater Facility Inspection Report is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KG R', likely representing Kim Rohr.

Kim Rohr, Chief
Wastewater Inspection Section
Office of Water Quality

Enclosure



NPDES Wastewater Facility Inspection Report

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

NPDES Permit Number: No Permit	Facility Type: NA Minor	Facility Classification: NA	TEMPO AI ID				
Date(s) of Inspection: May 12, 2022							
Type of Inspection: Reconnaissance Inspection							
Name and Location of Facility Inspected: Coalmont Various Locations Coalmont IN 47845		Receiving Waters: Various Ditches	Permit Expiration Date: Design Flow: NA				
On Site Representative(s): No facility rep was met at the site.							
Was a verbal summary of findings presented to the on-site representative?							
Certified Operator:	Number:	Class:	Effective Date: Expiration Date: Email:				
Cyber Security Contact:							
Name:		Email:					
Responsible Official: Mr. Paul Sinderson, County Commissioner 609 E. National Ave Brazil, Indiana 47834		Permittee: Clay County Commissioners Email: psinders@gmail.com Phone: Fax:					
		Contacted? No					
INSPECTION FINDINGS							
<p><input type="radio"/> Conditions evaluated were found to be satisfactory at the time of the inspection. (5)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Violations were discovered but corrected during the inspection. (4)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Potential problems were discovered or observed. (3)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Violations were discovered and require a submittal from you and/or a follow-up inspection by IDEM. (2)</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Violations were discovered and may subject you to an appropriate enforcement response. (1)</p>							
AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION							
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)							
N	Receiving Waters	N	Facility/Site	N	Self-Monitoring	N	Compliance Schedules
N	Effluent	N	Operation	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
N	Permit	N	Maintenance	N	Laboratory	N	Effluent Limits Compliance
N	Collection System	N	Sludge	N	Records/Reports	U	Other: Illicit Discharges
DETAILED AREA EVALUATIONS							
Effluent Limits Compliance:							
No 1. Were DMRs reviewed as part of the inspection?							
Comments:							
Other:							
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IDEM MANAGER REVIEW		
IDEM Manager:	Date:	
Kim Rohr	5/12/2022	