



**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
General Permit (MS4GP)
Annual Report**

State Form 51278 (R6 / 7-12)
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Reporting Year

Permit Year:

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)

SECTION 1: GENERAL PERMITTEE INFORMATION

- (1) MS4 Entity: [Porter County](#) (4) Type of MS4: City
 Town
 County
 Non-traditional:
(2) Primary County: [Porter County](#)
(3) MS4 Permit Number: [INR040140](#)

- (5) MS4 Operator (Individual): [Board of County Commissioners, ATTN: Jim Biggs, President](#)
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SECTION 2: PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES 1 AND 2

(1) Status of measurable goals, program requirements, compliance schedules, and timetables for this MCM. If Objectives are not being met for a specific program element, explain the implementation problems encountered, and changes made to resolve problems identified [4.3 (h)(1)]:

(a) On Target: Yes No

(b) If No, provide an explanation in Section 7.

(2) List of public participation and outreach events and activities conducted, a description of the activity, an estimate of the number of attendees, and an assessment if the goals and objectives were met [4.3 (h)(2)]:

(a) Total number of public participation and outreach events: 2

(b) Identify the targeted audience/constituents for this reporting period: [Homeowners/property owners, Youth, Contractors](#)

(c) Briefly describe changes or effects observed due to the outreach event(s): [We have observed engagement on educational posts, requesting information on the presented stormwater or IDDE situation identified, and increase reporting of valid drainage issues.](#)

(d) Delivery Method: [Facebook posts, email educational opportunities, drainage complaint visits.](#)

(e) The MS4 must maintain a list of the public participation/outreach event, including a short description of the activity, number of attendees, and if the goals and objectives were met.

Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

(3) The number and types of construction and/or post-construction stormwater training opportunities that were provided to contractors, developers and builders, property owners (commercial, industrial, residential, homeowner associations, and other targeted entities during the reporting period [4.3 (h)(3)]:

(a) Number of training events:

- Construction only: 0
- Post-construction only: 0
- Both Construction and Post-construction: 1

(b) The event or events were conducted with another MS4(s): Yes No

- If Yes, list the MS4(s): [Northwest Indiana MS4s from Lake, Porter & La Porte Counties](#)

(4) Document that presentations (or reports provided) were made to local officials [4.3 (h)(4)]:

(a) Yes No

(b) Number of presentations: 2 Date or Dates: [4/11/23, 5/23/23](#)

(5) Provide a list of public education materials used during the reporting period [4.3 (h)(6)]:

(a) Number of new materials developed: 1

(b) The MS4 must maintain a list of public educational materials.

(c) If the materials are maintained on a webpage – please provide the link: <https://portercountystormwater.org/244/Educational-Handouts>

Do not submit the list of materials at this time. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

SECTION 3: ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION - MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 3

(1) Status of measurable goals, program requirements, compliance schedules, and timetables for this MCM If Objectives are not being met for a specific program element, explain the implementation problems encountered, and changes made to resolve problems identified [4.4 (k)(1)]:

(a) On Target: Yes No

(b) If No, provide an explanation in Section 7.

(2) A summary of any storm sewer system mapping changes to the outfall and/or conveyance maps [4.4 (k)(3)]:

(a) The map is current: Yes No

(b) The map was last updated on:

11/3/2023

(3) Number of new outfalls mapped [4.4 (k)(4)]:

26

(4) Number and location of dry weather outfalls screened for illicit discharges [4.4 (k)(5)]:

(a) Number of dry weather outfalls screened:

27

(b) The number of dry weather outfalls that need to be screened before the end of the permit cycle:

162

(c) The MS4 must maintain information that contains the "location" of the dry weather outfalls screened.

Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

(5) Number and location of illicit discharges detected [4.4 (k)(6)]:

(a) Number detected:

0

(b) The MS4 must maintain information that contains the "location" of the illicit discharges.

Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

(6) Number and location of illicit discharges and/or spills reported [4.4 (k)(8)]:

(a) Number reported:

2

(b) The MS4 must maintain information that contains the "location" of the illicit discharges and/or spills reported.

Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

(7) Illicit discharges eliminated for those that were detected and/or reported [4.4 (k)(7) and (9)]:

(a) Number eliminated: 1

(b) Number that required no corrective action: 1

(c) Number of enforcement actions taken: 2

(8) The MS4 has reviewed and assessed the minimum control measure in accordance with MS4GP [4.4 (i)]:

Yes No

(9) The MS4 documents annual training attended by staff specific to their responsibilities in accordance with the MS4GP [4.4 (g)]:

Yes No

(10) The MS4 adopted a revised IDDE ordinance during this reporting year [8.1 (a)(4)]:

Yes No

Last updated on: 5/28/2013

SECTION 4: CONSTRUCTION SITE STORMWATER RUN-OFF CONTROL - MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 4

(1) Status of measurable goals, program requirements, compliance schedules, and timetables for this MCM. If objectives are not being met for a specific program element, explain the implementation problems encountered, and changes made to resolve problems identified [4.5 (m)(1)]:
(a) On Target: Yes No
(b) If No, provide an explanation in Section 7.

(2) The number of construction projects owned and/or operated by the MS4 entity that were active at the time of submission of this report [4.5 (m)(2)]:
11

(3) The number of construction sites obtaining a MS4 entity-issued stormwater run-off permit or authorization to discharge during the reporting period [4.5 (m)(3)]:
39

(4) The number of construction sites inspected during the reporting period [4.5 (m)(4)]: 28
(a) The MS4 has completed the inspections as required by the MS4GP [4.5 (d)(3)]:
• On Target: Yes No
• If No, provide an explanation in Section 7.

(5) The number and type of enforcement actions taken during the reporting period [4.5 (m)(5)]: 6
(a) Check the Appropriate Type of Action:
 Stop work Orders
 Monetary Penalties
 Other (Describe):

(6) The number of public information requests and/or complaints received [4.5 (m)(6)]:
(a) Public Information Requests (Freedom of Information Request): 90
(b) Complaints Received: 32

(7) The MS4 has reviewed and assessed the minimum control measure in accordance with MS4GP [4.5 (i)]:
 Yes No

(8) The MS4 documents annual training attended by staff specific to their responsibilities in accordance with the MS4GP [4.5 (j)]:
 Yes No

(9) The MS4 maintains an inventory of all construction site projects in accordance with MS4GP [4.5 (l)]:
 Yes No

(10) The MS4 adopted a revised construction stormwater run-off ordinance or regulatory mechanism during the reporting year [8.1 (a)(4)]:
 Yes No
Last Updated on: 2008

SECTION 5: POST-CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER RUN-OFF CONTROL - MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 5

(1) Status of measurable goals, program requirements, compliance schedules, and timetables for this MCM. If objectives are not being met for a specific program element, explain the implementation problems encountered, and changes made to resolve problems identified [4.6 (j)(1)]:

(a) On Target: Yes No

If No, provide an explanation in Section 7.

(2) The MS4 updated the post-construction ordinance and/or regulatory mechanism during the reporting period [4.6 (j)(2)]:

Yes No

Last Updated on: 2008

(3) The number of sites requiring post-construction control measures during the reporting period [4.6 (j)(3)]:

(a) Number of Sites: 20

(4) Number, type, and location of structural measures installed during the reporting period [4.6 (j)(4)]:

(a) Number of Measures: 206

(b) The MS4 must maintain information on the "type" and "location" of the measures installed.

Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

(5) Number, type, and location of structural measures modified to function properly or improve water quality benefits [4.6 (j)(5)]:

(a) Number of Measures Modified: 13

(b) The MS4 must maintain information on the "type" and "location" of the measures modified.

Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

(6) Number, type, and location of structural measures inspected to ensure each meets design requirements and/or are being maintained [4.6 (j)(6)]:

(a) Number of MS4 Owned/Operated Measures Inspected: 42

On Target (permit requires 100 % inspected by the end of the permit cycle):

Yes No If No, provide an explanation in Section 7

(b) Number of Privately Owned Measures Inspected: 0

On Target (permit requires 100% or a minimum of 250 inspected by the end of the permit cycle):

Yes No If No, provide an explanation in Section 7

(c) The MS4 must maintain information on the "type" and "location" of the measures inspected.

Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.

(7) The MS4 has developed and administers an inspection program in accordance with the MS4GP [4.6 (e) and (f)]:

Yes No

(8) The MS4 has reviewed and assessed the minimum control measure in accordance with MS4GP [4.6 (h)]:

Yes No

(9) The MS4 documents annual training attended by staff specific to their responsibilities in accordance with the MS4GP [4.6 (i)]:

Yes No

SECTION 6: MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS POLLUTION PREVENTION AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING - MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 6

- (1) Status of measurable goals, program requirements, compliance schedules, and timetables for this MCM. If Objectives are not being met for a specific program element, explain the implementation problems encountered, and changes made to resolve problems identified [4.7 (n)(1)]:
(a) On Target: Yes No
If No, provide an explanation in Section 7.
- (2) Number and location of stormwater outfalls and conveyance systems that have been repaired during the reporting period [4.7 (n)(2)]:
(a) Number of outfalls: 6
(b) Number of conveyance systems: 20
(c) The MS4 must maintain information that contains the "location" of the outfalls and conveyances that have been repaired.
Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.
- (3) Estimated amount of material collected from stormwater drainage system cleaning during the reporting period including the disposal methods utilized [4.7 (n)(3)]:
(a) Material Collected (*Volume or Weight*): -
(b) Disposal Method: -
- (4) Estimated amount of material collected from street sweeping during the reporting period, if applicable, including the disposal methods utilized [4.7 (n)(4)]:
(a) Material Collected (*Volume or Weight*): -
(b) Disposal Method Utilized: -
- (5) Number and location of de-icing salt and sand storage areas and methods used to minimize stormwater exposure:
(a) Number of De-icing salt and sand storage areas [4.7 (n)(5)]: 3
(b) The MS4 must maintain information as to the "location" and methods used to minimize stormwater exposure.
Do not submit this information. Upon review of the annual report IDEM may request the information or evaluate the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.
- (6) The MS4 has reviewed and assessed the minimum control measure in accordance with MS4GP [4.7 (i)]:
 Yes No
- (7) The MS4 documents annual training attended by staff specific to their responsibilities in accordance with the MS4GP [4.7 (m)]:
 Yes No
(a) List the number of employees within other departments that have been trained on stormwater issues: 10
- (8) The total number of owned and/or operated facilities (total number as of submittal of this report) within the MS4:
25
- (9) The number of owned and/or operated facilities, identified in item (8) above that require development of a SWPPP:
5
- (10) Facility inspections completed during the reporting period:
(a) The MS4 inspected each facility quarterly: Yes No
If No, provide an explanation:
(b) The MS4 Coordinator participated in at least one of the quarterly inspections at each facility: Yes No
If No, provide an explanation:
- (11) The percentage of surface visual inspection performed by the MS4 during the reporting period:
75 Percent

SECTION 7: MS4 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND SUMMARY

- (1) Water Quality Characterization Report (WQCR) [8.1 (a)(5)]:
- (a) The WQCR has been updated during this reporting period. Yes No
Date of Modification/update: [March 2023](#)
 - (b) The updated WQCR and/or new and on-going water quality characterization data is required as part of the annual report).
Do not submit this information. As part of the annual report review IDEM may request this information or review the information during an audit of the MS4 Program.
 - (c) Updated list of the receiving waters. The MS4 must maintain documentation of receiving waters. As part of the annual report review, IDEM may request this information or review the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program [8.1 (a)(6)].
Do not submit this information. As part of the annual report review, IDEM may request this information or review the information as part of an audit of the MS4 Program.
- (2) Provide progress to meet a TMDL, WLA, or improve water quality in the 303d listed impairments) [8.1 (a)(7)]:
- (a) A TMDL implementation plan has been developed within the MS4 boundaries.
 Yes No In Progress Not Applicable
 - (b) If Yes: provide a brief description of progress to meet the TMDL WLA or improve water quality in the 303d listed impairments.
[Development of the SWQMP is ongoing and will address TMDLs within this jurisdiction.](#)
- (3) MS4 jurisdictional boundaries as required by Section 4.2 (a)(1). Identify areas removed or added to the jurisdictional area of the MS4 [8.1 (a)(10)]:
- (a) Provide a shapefile or map with a date that reflects changes made during the reporting period.
- (4) Describe new funding sources and new expenditures [8.1 (a)(9)]:
- (a) [ARPA Funds are to be used on eight stormwater quality and management system improvement projects during the years 2024-2026.](#)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)
- (5) Describe relevant sections of the SWQMP that have been modified (by MCM) [8.1 (a)(1)]:
- (a) Public Education, Outreach and Involvement: [SWQMP is being redesigned from beginning to end. MCM 1&2 is the first section getting this redesign which is ongoing. The following MCMs have not been updated yet.](#)
 - (b) Illicit Discharge:
 - (c) Construction Stormwater Run-off:
 - (d) Post-construction Run-off:
 - (e) Good Housekeeping:
- (6) Brief Description of changes from the previous year due to annual review [8.1 (a)(2)]:
- (a) Public Education, Outreach and Involvement: [We have seen an increase in engagement on Facebook educational content and have gained followers to the page.](#)
 - (b) Illicit Discharge: [Outfalls explored this year were along jurisdictional boundaries, mainly in regulated drainage easements.](#)
 - (c) Construction Stormwater Run-off: [Reviewing standards and ordinances for permit updates has inspired reorganization and improvements on the review process and requirements.](#)
 - (d) Post-construction Run-off: [Reviewing standards and ordinances for permit updates has inspired reorganization and improvements on the review process and requirements.](#)
 - (e) Good Housekeeping: [There are new facility foreman to train and educate on the MS4 requirements.](#)

- (7) Implementation problems encountered, including program changes made to address ineffectiveness or infeasibility [8.1 (a)(8)]:
- (a) Public Education, Outreach and Involvement: Negative social media comment management is occasionally a problem (2 incidents in 2023).
 - (b) Illicit Discharge: Inaccessibility to certain outfalls complicates the documentation process.
 - (c) Construction Stormwater Run-off: We are continually working on ordinance updates. Due to two managerial departures, the ordinance updates and implementation have been delayed. Most of the updates required exist in the Porter County UDO, Storm Water Design Manual, and Supplemental Design & Construction Standards. Remaining items will continue to be added/updated in 2024. With reference to Section 4 (4), the number of recorded construction sites inspected during the reporting period refers to the number of recorded construction sites requiring a CSGP, not the total inspections overall. New home construction sites, violation sites, and local permit sites were tracked separately during 2023.
 - (d) Post-construction Run-off: Same statement as (c). In addition, the requirement for the number of privately owned measures inspected Section 5 (6)(b) is not feasible at this time. Porter County inspects MS4 owned/operated structural measures on an as-needed basis via complaints received and is implementing a system for routine inspection of the MS4 owned/operated structural measures currently. Privately owned measures are inspected only on a complaint basis and property owners are informed of their responsibilities at that time.
 - (e) Good Housekeeping: The Porter County Highway Department does not have a method of tracking street sweeping, vacuum truck material removed, or ditch cleaning removal quantity. Street sweeping is conducted on as-needed basis/when requested by the subdivision. Main county roads are not swept. Any debris removed from the drainage system is either disposed of at the facility dumpster or in the pollutant sediment pond for the vacuum truck.

(8) Brief Description of projects or programs that have been successful or should be highlighted and unique:
 The Porter County Storm Water Management Program and Highway Engineering Division have added positions to their programs to improve their function and management. These positions are in the process of being filled. Our drainage complaint system is above and beyond for intake, tracking, and addressing the residents' concerns as well as long term tracking for overall stormwater management in the county. This system has enabled our staff to use complaints as an educational opportunity and prioritize projects that need to be completed.

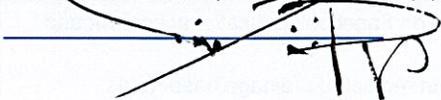
(9) Brief Description of issues that have been identified that IDEM may be able to assist the MS4 in addressing:
 None at this time.

SECTION 8: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1 and other penalties specified by IC 13-30-10, that the statements and representations in this notification are true, accurate, and complete.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly involved in gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Printed Name of Responsible Individual (Applicant/Permittee):



Signature of Responsible Individual:

Jim Biggs

Date (month/day/year) 3/26/2024

Note:

- This document must be signed by the individual meeting requirement of 40 CFR 122.22.
- Signature must be wet ink (FAX and photocopies are not acceptable)