

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE NO 20240205 – INP000017– D
DATE OF NOTICE: February 5, 2024
DATE RESPONSE DUE: March 6, 2024

The Office of Water Quality proposes the following IWP DRAFT PERMIT:

MINOR – Transfer of Ownership:

Distinctive Manufacturing Group fka Koester Metals, Inc, Permit INP000017, STEUBEN COUNTY, 301 W Water St, Fremont, IN. The current permittee Koester Metals, Inc has informed the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of the transfer of ownership of the facility to Distinctive Manufacturing Group, effective October 31, 2023. Both parties wish to have the existing permit transferred to the new owner of the facility, who acknowledges liability for violations on and after the date of the permit transfer. Permit Manager Devery DeBoy at 317-232-8701 or ddeboy@idem.in.gov. Posted online at <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>.

PROCEDURES TO FILE A RESPONSE

You are hereby notified of the availability of a 30-day public comment period regarding the referenced draft permit, in accordance with 327 IAC 5-21-11. The application and draft permit documents are available for inspection at IDEM, Office of Water Quality, Indiana Government Center North - Room 1255, 100 N. Senate Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46204 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, (copies 10¢ per page). The Draft Permit is posted online on the above-referenced IDEM public notice web page. A courtesy copy has also been sent via email to the local County Health Department. Please tell others whom you think would be interested in this matter. For more information about public participation including your rights & responsibilities, please see <https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/>. You may want to consult our online Citizens' Guide to IDEM: <https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/>.

Comments: The proposed decision to issue a permit is tentative. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft permit. All comments must be delivered to IDEM or postmarked no later than the Response Due Date noted to be considered in the decision to issue a final permit. Deliver or mail all requests or comments to the attention of the Permit Manager at the above address.

To Request a Public Hearing: Any person may request a public hearing. A written request must be submitted to the above address on or before the Response Due Date. The written request shall include: the name and address of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request and the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing. The Department will determine whether to hold a public hearing based upon the comments and therationale for the request. Public Notice of such a hearing will be circulated in at least one newspaper in the geographical area of the

discharge and to those persons submitting comments and/or on the mailing list at least 30 days prior to the hearing.



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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

February 5, 2024

Mark Dalene, Chief Manufacturing Officer and Principal
Distinctive Manufacturing Group
P.O. Box 617
Fremont, IN 46737

Dear Mr. Dalene:

Re: IWP Permit No. INP000017
Draft Permit Modification –
Transfer of Ownership
Previous Name: Koester Metals, Inc.
Current Name: Distinctive Manufacturing Group
Fremont, IN – Steuben

The request to transfer ownership of Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment (IWP) Permit INP000017 from Koester Metals, Inc. to Distinctive Manufacturing Group has been reviewed and processed in accordance with rules adopted under 327 IAC 5. Enclosed is a copy of the draft permit modification which reflects the transfer of ownership.

Pursuant to IC 13-15-5-1, IDEM will publish the draft permit document online at <https://www.in.gov/ide/public-notices/>. Additional information on public participation can be found in the "Citizens' Guide to IDEM", available at <https://www.in.gov/ide/resources/citizens-guide-to-ide/>. A 30-day comment period is available to solicit input from interested parties, including the public.

Please review this draft permit modification and associated documents carefully to become familiar with the proposed terms and conditions. Comments concerning the draft permit modification should be submitted in accordance with the procedure outlined in the enclosed public notice form. We suggest that you meet with us to discuss major concerns or objections you may have with the draft permit modification.

Questions concerning this draft permit modification may be addressed to Ms. Devery J. DeBoy of my staff, at (317) 232-8701 or DDeboy@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Richard Hamblin, Chief
Industrial NPDES Permits Section
Office of Water Quality

Enclosures

cc: Steuben County Health Department
Lynn Raisor, IDEM Inspector
Gary Koester, President of Koester Manufacturing
James Masters, Town of Fremont POTW



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STATE OF INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
AMENDED AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT (IWP) PERMIT

In accordance with 327 IAC 5-21 and IDEM's permitting authority under IC 13-15, **Distinctive Manufacturing Group fka Koester Metals, Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as the permittee) is authorized to discharge, from the facility located at 301 W. Water Street, Fremont, Indiana into the **Town of Fremont Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)**, in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I and II hereof.

The permit, as issued on August 15, 2019, is hereby amended to reflect the transfer of ownership from Koester Metals, Inc. to Distinctive Manufacturing Group. The amended provisions shall become effective _____. All terms and conditions of the permit not modified at this time remain in effect. Further, any existing condition or term affected by the amendments will remain in effect until the amended provisions become effective. This permit and the authorization to discharge, as amended, shall expire at midnight October 31, 2024.

NOTE: In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the date of expiration, the permittee must submit a renewal IWP permit application to the Industrial NPDES Permit Section in the Office of Water Quality, no later than one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the date this permit expires. Failure to do so will result in expiration of the authorization to discharge.

Signed on _____ for the Indiana Department of
Environmental Management.

Jerry Dittmer, Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Water Quality



Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment (IWP)
Briefing Memo for
Koester Metals, Inc. transfer to
Distinctive Manufacturing Group
Draft modification: January 2024
Final modification: TBA
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
 100 North Senate Avenue
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
 (317) 232-8603
 Toll Free (800) 451-6027
www.idem.IN.gov

Current Permittee:	Koester Metals, Inc. P.O. Box 617 Fremont, IN 46737
Existing Permit Information:	Permit Number: INP000017 Expiration Date: 10/31/2024
Current Permittee Contact:	Gary Koester, President (260) 495-1818, Gary.Koester@thedmgusa.com
Name of Transferee:	Distinctive Manufacturing Group P.O. Box 744 Fremont, IN 46737
Transferee Contact:	Mark Dalene, Chief Manufacturing Officer and Principal (260) 495-1818 ext. 245, mark.dalene@thedmgusa.com
Source Location:	301 W. Water Street Fremont, IN, 46737 Steuben County
Receiving POTW:	Town of Fremont POTW P.O. Box 602 Fremont, IN, 46737 NPDES Permit #IN0022942
Proposed Permit Action:	Transfer of Ownership
Source Category	Industrial Pretreatment
Date Request Received:	November 1, 2023
Date Transfer Complete:	October 31, 2023
Permit Writer:	Ms. Devery J. DeBoy, Environmental Manager (317) 232-8701, DDeboy@idem.IN.gov

Transfer of Ownership

Pursuant to 327 IAC 5-2-6(c), the parties have notified the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) of their intention to transfer IWP Permit INP000017 from Koester Metals, Inc., the "current permittee" and previous owner of the facility, to Distinctive Manufacturing Group, the "transferee" and future owner of the facility, effective as of October 31, 2023.

The current permittee acknowledges liability for violations up to the proposed date of permit transfer, and the transferee acknowledges liability for violations on and after the proposed date of permit transfer.

The transferee certifies that it is its intention to operate the facility for which IWP Permit INP000017 is issued without making such material and substantial alterations to the facility as would significantly change the nature or quantities of pollutants discharged, and thus constitute cause for permit modification under 327 IAC 5-2-16(d).

Permit Processing/Public Comment

Pursuant to IC 13-15-5-1, IDEM will publish the draft permit document online at [IDEM: Public Notices \(in.gov\)](#). Additional information on public participation can be found in the "Citizens' Guide to IDEM", available at [IDEM: Citizens' Guide to IDEM \(in.gov\)](#). A 30-day comment period is available to solicit input from interested parties, including the public.