



# IDEM Update

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# IDEM Metrics

- Permitting
  - Goal is to get permits done in 75% of the time we are allowed by statute
  - Agency wide we are processing permits in 57% of the time
- Compliance
  - Goal is to have inspections reports to the facility within 7 days of the inspection.
  - Agency wide we are at 4 days.
- Excellent Drinking Water – 98.7%
- Clean Air – 97.1%



# New Leadership:

- Senior Team:
  - Parvonay Stover – Chief of Staff
  - Hillary Alderete – Chief Financial Officer
  - Bob Lugar – Assistant Commissioner of Program Support
  - Carl Wodrich – Deputy Assistant Commissioner of Program Support
- Branch Chiefs:
  - Janusz Johnson – Air Compliance & Enforcement
  - Robin Fellar – Land Permits
  - Lori Freeman – Land Compliance & Enforcement
  - Tim Veatch – Underground Storage Tank
  - Cathy Csatari – Northwest Regional Office Director
- Legislative Director – Drake Abramson
- Communications Director – Sarah Bonick



# My Focus:

- Communication
- Staffing
- Environmental Justice
- PFAS
  - IDEM/IDHS project
  - Community Water Sampling
- Air Fees
- Clean-up Programs
- Streamlining and IT Improvements



# Air

- Attainment Status

- All areas of the state are meeting all air quality standards except a couple of townships in Lake and Porter counties and one township in Huntington County.

- Lake and Porter Counties currently not meeting the 2015 Ozone standard
- Township in Huntington County currently not meeting the Sulfur Dioxide standard

- Redesignations

- 2008 Ozone standard for Lake and Porter counties
- 2015 Ozone standard for Clark and Floyd counties

- Indiana Emission Reductions

- PM 2.5 = 72%
- Carbon Monoxide = 76%
- Nitrogen Oxide = 76%
- Volatile Organic Compounds = 68%
- Sulfur Dioxide = 96%



# Land

- Coal Combustion Residuals
  - Adoption of federal rules for CCR Permitting Program
- HEA 1226
  - Implementing requirements of the new law.
    - Definition of Solid Waste
    - Hazardous Waste Permitting
    - 2018 Federal Solid Waste Rulemaking
- UST Program
  - Continue to drive down costs for cleanup
  - EPIC Database



# Water

- Water Quality Standards for Metals Criteria
  - Env. Rules Board adopted, Gov. signed, and EPA has approved
    - We have started implementing new standards in permits as they come up for renewal.
    - Selenium implementation guidance is available.
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Impacts
  - 38% increase in demand for drinking water projects.
  - 37% increase in demand for wastewater projects.
- WOTUS
  - Currently operating under the pre-2015 regulatory regime.
    - Significant nexus
  - Could change again next year with Sackett v. EPA



# Program Support

- HEA 1226
  - \$4 Million Recycling Grant for efforts in Marion County
- Environmental Justice
  - Environmental Stakeholder Inclusion (ESI)





# Federal

- Regional Haze
- Ozone Transport (Good Neighbor rule)
- WOTUS
- Environmental Justice
- Lead and Copper Rule
- Rules concerning PFAS



# Thank You

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