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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Preliminary Findings Regarding a
New Source Review and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP)

for Metal Management Indiana, Inc. dba Sims Metal in Lake County

FESOP No.: F089-47255-00608

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has received an application from Metal Management Indiana, Inc. dba Sims Metal, located at 425 West 152nd Street, East Chicago, Indiana 46312, for a New Source Review and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP). IDEM's Office of Air Quality (OAQ) issues this type of permit to regulate the operation of existing sources and modifications at existing sources that release air pollutants.

On March 25, 2024, the Office of Air Quality (OAQ) had a notice posted on IDEM's website (https://www.in.gov/idem/public-notices/) stating that the draft FESOP for Metal Management Indiana, Inc. dba Sims Metal, had been proposed for this operation and provided information on how the public could review the proposed permit and other documentation. Due to several comments received by IDEM from interested parties, a public meeting will be held on June 27, 2024 to discuss air permitting for Metal Management Indiana, Inc. dba Sims Metal.

A copy of the permit application and IDEM's preliminary findings have been sent to:

East Chicago Public Library - Main Branch 2401 East Columbus Drive East Chicago, IN 46312

and

IDEM Northwest Regional Office 330 W. US Highway 30, Suites E & F Valparaiso, IN 46385

A copy of the preliminary findings is available on the Internet at: http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/idem-caats/.

A copy of the application and preliminary findings is also available via IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC). To access VFC, please go to: https://www.in.gov/idem/ and enter VFC in the search box. You will then have the option to search for permit documents using a variety of criteria.

You are invited to attend a public meeting:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) will hold a public meeting to discuss air permitting for Metal Management Indiana, Inc. dba Sims Metal on:

Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM, Central Daylight Time Calumet College of St. Joseph, Room #200 (Rear entrance, west side of building) 2400 New York Ave, Whiting, IN 46394

What will happen at the meeting?

IDEM staff will describe the draft Metal Management Indiana, Inc. dba Sims Metal air permit and answer questions from citizens in an informal setting. The public meeting will not include formal presentations, but will





give the public an opportunity to submit written comments, ask questions, and discuss air pollution concerns with IDEM staff.

Written comments and supporting documentation can be presented at the public meeting, or if you do not plan to attend this meeting, you can send written comments to IDEM before the end of the public notice period. The public notice period will end on Monday, July 1, 2024. All comments will be considered by IDEM when we make a decision to issue or deny the permit. Comments that are most likely to affect final permit decisions are those based on the rules and laws governing this permitting process (326 IAC 2), air quality issues, and technical issues. IDEM does not have legal authority to regulate zoning, odor or noise. For such issues, please contact your local officials. If you do not want to comment, but would like to be added to IDEM's mailing list to receive notice of future action related to this permit application, please contact IDEM. Please refer to permit number F089-47255-00608 in all correspondence.

To Contact IDEM:

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If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in the public meeting, please contact IDEM's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Attn: ADA Coordinator 402 W Washington St - Room E034 Indianapolis, IN 46204 317-233-4088 ESI@idem.IN.gov

Please provide a minimum of 24 hours notice if possible. Speech and hearing impaired callers may contact the agency via the Indiana Relay Service at 1-800-743-3333.

What will happen after IDEM makes a decision?

Following the end of the public comment period, IDEM will issue a Notice of Decision stating whether the permit has been issued or denied. If the permit is issued, it may be different than the draft permit because of comments that were received during the public comment period. If comments are received during the public notice period, the final decision will include a document that summarizes the comments and IDEM's response to those comments. If you have submitted comments or have asked to be added to the mailing list, you will receive a Notice of the Decision. The notice will provide details on how you may appeal IDEM's decision, if you disagree with that decision. The final decision will also be available on the Internet at the address indicated above and will also be sent to the local library indicated above, the IDEM Regional Office indicated above, and the IDEM public file room on the 12th floor of the Indiana Government Center North, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel W. Pell of my staff at the above address.

Jenny Acker, Chief Permits Branch Office of Air Quality

For additional information about air permits and how the public and interested parties can participate, refer to the IDEM Air Permits page on the Internet at: https://www.in.gov/idem/airpermit/public-participation/; and the Citizens' Guide to IDEM on the Internet at: https://www.in.gov/idem/resources/citizens-guide-to-idem/.