

October 13, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, will hold a public hearing on the following application for construction in or on a public freshwater lake.

APPLICATION #: LM-202

APPLICANT: Northern Indiana Public Service Company

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: Maintenance dredging will occur in Lake Michigan extending 500' in all directions around the NIPSCO Bailly Generating Station cooling water intake structure over the next five years. Up to 140,000 cubic yards per year will be removed, to a maximum depth of 20' below low water datum of 577.5' IGLD 1985. The dredged material will be deposited by bottom dump barge 3 miles west of the dredge site offshore of Ogden Dunes as beach nourishment in 8' to 14' of water depth.

LAKE: Lake Michigan

LOCATION: At the Bailly Generating Station at Portage, Porter County

The scope of the public hearing, held under IC 14-11-4-8, will be limited to the authority vested in the Department of Natural Resources by the permitting statutes. This authority is confined to the area at or lakeward of the ordinary high water mark of Lake Michigan and requires the Department to evaluate if the proposal will do any of the following:

- 1) Unreasonably impair the navigability of the waterway,
- 2) Cause significant harm to the environment,
- 3) Pose an unreasonable hazard to life or property.

Only issues that are directly related to this application for construction in or on Lake Michigan will be addressed. Under the permitting statutes, the Department has no authority in zoning, local drainage, burning, etc.; therefore, topics beyond the Department's jurisdiction will not be discussed during the hearing.

The public hearing will be held on November 14, 2016 beginning at 5:00 (local time) at the Ogden Dunes Fire Station located at 111 Hillcrest Road, Ogden Dunes, Indiana.

If you have any questions concerning this public hearing, please contact Markita Shepherdson, of the Technical Services Section at 317-234-1104, mshepherdson@dnr.in.gov or write to the address listed above.

