

August 8, 2017

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 Lake Michigan.

APPLICATION #: LM-206

APPLICANT: ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor, LLC

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: Annual maintenance dredging will occur around two offshore water intake structures by mechanically dredging a maximum volume of approximately 200,000 cubic yards of clean sand per year from a 20 acre area around the existing intake structures using a clam shell bucket, to maintain a lake bottom water depth of approximately 40'. The project will include performing annual soundings to determine lake bottom elevations around the intake structures. The actual quantity of sand dredged per year will be determined by the amount of sand that accumulates around the intakes. The dredged sand will be placed by barge as beach nourishment along the Town of Ogden Dunes shoreline, located approximately 2.5 miles west of the dredge location, and in open water approximately 325' lakeward of the Ordinary High Watermark (OHW elevation = 581.5' IGLD 1985) where the water depth is sufficient for the disposal barges to float and deposit the sand. The disposal location is situated such that natural lake waves and currents will wash the sand up onto the beach 300' to 600' west of the disposal location. This is a five-year maintenance permit.

LAKE: Lake Michigan

LOCATION: At ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor intake structures approximately 3600' offshore in Lake Michigan near Burns Harbor, Westchester Township, 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 Wednesday, August 30, 2017 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (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.