

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Office of Water Quality

Compliance and Enforcement Branch

- **Primary Compliance Role:**
 - is to provide regulatory oversight over NPDES permitted facilities by the evaluation of compliance data and physical on-site inspections conducted on a routine basis
- **Primary Enforcement Role:**
 - is the implementation of formal enforcement actions for all Office of Water Quality program areas: Wastewater, Storm Water/Wetlands, and Drinking Water. The enforcement actions provide for tangible activities to bring facilities back into compliance and the assessment of administrative penalties, as appropriate

Primary Regulatory Framework:

- Federal Clean Water Act
- Indiana Code 13-18
- Indiana Administrative Code Article 327

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- The Branch has three Sections and one program area:
 - **Compliance Data Section**
 - Inputs NPDES permit information and conditions into the Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS)
 - Evaluates compliance data and issues Noncompliance Letters to facilities and coordinates with Inspection and Enforcement groups. The section also ensure compliance data is publicly available.
 - **Wastewater Inspection Section**
 - Conducts inspections and investigations of NPDES permitted facilities and water pollution complaints
 - Provides operator and laboratory assistance
 - **Enforcement Section**
 - Develops, negotiates, and tracks formal enforcement actions for the wastewater, storm water/wetlands, and drinking water program areas.
 - **Operator Certification Program (Wastewater)**
 - Oversees the application/renewal, testing, and continuing education for the wastewater operator program

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- **SUCCESS: National Compliance Initiative – Significant Noncompliance (SNC) Reduction at Individual NPDES Permitted Sites**
 - U.S. EPA Goal to reduce individual NPDES SNC rates from 20% + to 10.1% Nationally from FFY 2018 to the end of FFY 2022
 - Indiana's current individual NPDES SNC rate is 6.4%
- **Emerging Issue: Operator Certification**
 - Retirement of Certified Operators and decline in recruiter of new certified operators

Links:

- **Enforcement and Compliance History Online** - <https://echo.epa.gov/>
- **IDEM Wastewater Compliance:** <https://www.in.gov/idem/cleanwater/wastewater-compliance/>