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2010 Draft 303(d) List of Impaired Waters; Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology  
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Office of Legal Counsel, MC 65-46  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251

Re: Indiana's Proposed 2010 List of Impaired Waters

Dear Ms. Pittman,

The 2010 List of Impaired Waters should serve as a starting point for restoring water quality. Indiana does not adequately address water quality impairments. For example, we continue to allow unnecessary phosphorus fertilizers in areas that are already known to suffer from phosphorus overload and algae blooms. And we continue to permit industrial livestock operations and septic systems in areas that are impaired for E. coli and/or nutrients and algae.

It is time for Indiana to start restoring its impaired waters, as required by the Clean Water Act! In order to begin to restore water quality and remove waters from the Impaired Waters List, Indiana should:

- 1) Stop permitting new activities that are likely to exacerbate known impairments, such as confined feeding operations, septic systems, package treatment plants and fertilizer use;
- 2) Restrict phosphorus fertilizer in impaired watersheds;
- 3) Develop TMDLs and watershed management plans that address phosphorus and pathogen content of manure;
- 4) Ensure that existing septic systems are not discharging;
- 5) Ensure implementation of TMDLs and watershed plans for restoration of water quality.

Respectfully submitted,

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*The following individuals signed on to this letter. We are supposed to be the stewards of this planet. How in good name can this department justify its salaries with 2500 bodies of polluted water. Rather the money that is being tithed to build I-69 South, should be used to reclaim and clean all the waterways in Indiana. For shame.*

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*Our lakes, streams, and rivers are essentially our state's (and country's) "veins" that pulse with life and provide so many services. Our health and the health of our natural world cannot afford waterway impairment. Not only do chemicals, harmful bacteria and sewage, and overly- or underly-sufficient mineral content cause harm to the flora and fauna of Indiana -- and beyond -- but they also threaten Indiana residents directly. Our children play in these waters, we often utilize these waterways as drinking water sources, and we have recreational interests, like boating and fishing, that are entirely dependent on the health of our streams and rivers. This important issue cannot be ignored any longer.*

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*IDEM needs to start caring about the state of Indiana's waterways and to start doing something about stopping CAFOs from badly polluting them.*

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*The White River is an important recreational and natural area through Indianapolis. It should be clean enough to support human boating and swimming and provide a healthy environment for fish, plants, and wildlife. Please concentrate your efforts on preventing point discharges to the White River within the Indianapolis area and ways to clean up the banks to make it a beautiful and attractive natural asset.*

Charles Mitch,

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