PARTNERS FOR CLEAN AIR
2020 VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY
Mr. Charles Breitenfeldt, IDEM
Partners for Clean Air (PCA) is a coalition of Northwest Indiana businesses, industries, local governments, community groups, and individuals committed to improving overall air quality and public health through voluntary actions.
Michigan City’s Conference on the Environment

EVENT CENTER OPENING FALL 2023
Additional 15,000 square feet of meeting & event space. Totaling 70,000 square feet.

PARTNERS FOR CLEAN AIR
Partners for Clean Air Day at the RailCats
Valparaiso University Men’s Basketball Game
2020 South Shore Clean Cities Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation
Partners for Clean Air
Bike Giveaways

Come cheer on the NWI Oilmen & enter for your chance to win two bikes during each game!

Friday Aug. 7  7:10 p.m.
Sunday Aug. 9  4:10 p.m.
Friday Aug. 14  7:10 p.m.
Sunday Aug. 16  4:10 p.m.
Bronze Level Members

CITY OF THE CENTURY
GARY INDIANA

LAPORTE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PORTER
1836

PRAXAIR

WELCOME
GENERAL MANAGER - VALPO ATHLETICS SPONSORSHIPS
DAVID KAY

#GOVALPO
Silver Level Members

Hammond Port Authority

KERAMIDA
Engineers • Scientists • Planners
Global EHS & Sustainability Services

WILCOX
Environmental Engineering
Thank You
PCA Scholarship Committee

- Scott Nelson - Wilcox Environmental Engineering
- Lauri Keagle - South Shore Clean Cities
- Michael Kuss - Michigan City Sanitary District
Ms. Blair Milo
Secretary, Career Connections and Talent
Keynote Speaker

Bruno L. Pigott,
IDEM Commissioner
Partners for Clean Air
Awards Ceremony

August 7, 2020

Bruno Pigott
Commissioner
Indiana Department of
Environmental Management
What We’re Doing During Covid

• Work During Covid-19
• Permits
• Compliance
• VW Mitigation Settlement Trust Fund
• Citizen Portal
• IDEM Today
Work During Covid-19

• Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-08 on March 23rd, ordering Hoosiers to stay at home.
• IDEM continued to work during this time.
• 95% of employees worked from their homes.
Permits

• IDEM currently has no backlogged permits of any kind.
• Typically IDEM issues permits in about 65% of the timeframes allowed by statute.
• IDEM is committed to maintaining its permit issuance timeframes.
Compliance

- IDEM is focused on improving the timeframes for the issuance of inspection reports.
- By Statute, IDEM has 45 days to issue inspection reports.
- IDEM is aiming to issue reports within 7 days of inspections on average.
- IDEM’s 12 Month rolling average is now at 5.0 days from inspection to inspection report.
Compliance

• IDEM continued its inspections through the “Hunker Down” period.
  • Wastewater Inspections were prioritized.
  • Drinking Water Inspections focused on the largest facilities.
  • Air stack tests were suspended.
  • Solid and Hazardous waste inspections were mostly suspended.
Compliance

• IDEM did not issue board based waivers from rules or permit requirements.
  • Facilities were encouraged to meet all requirements.
  • Where facilities had difficulty meeting specific requirements, IDEM required the submission of information.
  • Most requests were for timeframes associated with reports.
VW Mitigation Settlement

- Indiana Awarded $41 million.
- Governor’s Executive Order establishes a board to oversee development of a Mitigation Plan
- The board created a mitigation plan.
VW Mitigation Settlement

- Round 1 Funding:
  - IDEM Awarded $9.8 million for 34 Onroad/Nonroad projects.
  - IDEM Awarded over $1.3 million for 5 project through the DERA Program.
VW Mitigation Settlement

• Next: Statewide Electric Vehicle Charging Network.
  • The Committee has issued a Request for Proposals
  • Funding for Direct Current Fast Charge and Level 2 charging stations.
  • 90% ($5.5 m) for Fast Charging 10% ($615,000) for Level 2 charging.
VW Mitigation Settlement

• Eligible applicants for this program include, but are not limited to:
  • For-profit businesses registered with the Indiana Secretary of State
  • Nonprofit entities registered with the Indiana Secretary of State
  • Federal, state, and local government agencies
  • Indiana-based metropolitan planning organizations
VW Mitigation Settlement

Level 2 Current Locations
VW Mitigation Settlement

Fast Charging Equipment Current Locations
VW Mitigation Settlement

Charging Equipment
Indiana Roadway Priorities
VW Mitigation Settlement

• Indiana will accept electronic grant applications in response to this RFP emailed to VWTrust@idem.IN.gov

• Microsoft Word or PDF format only

• Applications due September 23, 2020
Citizen Portal

• Citizens, business, and industries should be able to submit information electronically to IDEM.
• Current Methods are bulky.
• IDEM is investigating more efficient new systems.
Citizen Portal

• IDEM has issued a Request for Proposal to companies to create this portal.
• IDEM has evaluated the different proposals.
• IDEM selected a business who will work with the agency to create the portal.
IDEEM Today

• About 90% of employees work from home 9 of 10 work days.
• IDEM employees are required to wear masks in the workplace.
• IDEM has had few positive cases of Covid-19.
• IDEM is once again conducting inspections in program areas.
Questions?

Bruno Pigott
Commissioner
IDEM
bpigott@idem.in.gov
Mr. Michael Kuss, Michigan City Sanitary District
Founded in Valparaiso in 1975
Now 75+ convenience store & fueling centers strong across Indiana
Environmental Responsibility

- $1 million to convert to LED lights
- Early adopter of ethanol & biofuels
“At the time that our company made the bold step to support biofuels close to 15 years ago, our country was exporting close to half a trillion dollars a year in wealth to places often far away from our shores”

Gus Olympidis, President & CEO
Family Express
Hoosier Homegrown Fuels Blender Pump Program
2016 & 2017

Expands ethanol blends across Indiana with the Indiana Office of Energy Development, South Shore Clean Cities & Indiana Corn Marketing Council

Invested nearly $1.4 million for the installation of 80 E15 & E85 fueling pumps, including at Family Express locations
Community Commitment

Tom Navarre, vice president of marketing and logistics for Family Express, serves as treasurer of the South Shore Clean Cities Board of Directors and has served on the board for more than seven years. Tom’s dedication to the nonprofit sustainable transportation organization is an extension of the dedication of Family Express to furthering the use of clean, domestic, sustainable fuels.
Learn more at
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Praxair, Inc.

with commitment to maintain clean environment in NWI
Praxair’s Introduction

We produce industrial gases such as:

- Nitrogen
- Oxygen
- Argon
- Hydrogen
- Carbon Dioxide
Praxair facility in NWI

There are five Praxair facilities in NWI

- Praxair - East Chicago
- Praxair - Whiting
- Praxair - Gary Lakeside
- Praxair – Burns Harbor
- Praxair - LaPorte
Planted 60 native trees in support of the Urban and Community Forestry Program, led by the U.S. Forest Service
EC Tree planting: next 40 yrs cost benefits

- $3,047 of air quality improvement savings

- $5,855 of savings by reducing 251,719 lbs of atmospheric carbon dioxide through CO2 sequestration and decreased energy production needs and emissions
EC Tree planting: next 99 yrs cost benefits

- $17,578 of air quality improvement savings

- $24,291 of savings by reducing 1,044,435 lbs of atmospheric carbon dioxide through CO2 sequestration and decreased energy production needs and emissions
Praxair NWI employees volunteered 130 combined hours of service to help the National Park Service restoring and enhancing Chellberg Farm.
2020 PCA Municipal Award
CITY OF HAMMOND
25 miles of multi-use paths
Northwest Indiana’s First HAWK Signal
George Lake Trail Pedestrian Bridge
Wolf Lake Pedestrian Bridge
Conkey Street Pedestrian Bridge
Leon’s World’s Fastest Triathlon, Hammond, Indiana

Leon Wolek, Race Promoter
Hammond Region Riot
Criterium Bike Race
WHAM!

Ninth Annual
WHAM!
The Whiting, Hammond, Highland & Munster
After Midnight Ride
Saturday
August 8th
Annual Midnight Ride through NWI
Active Mayor
The City of Hammond thanks the Partners for Clean Air for this award.
2020 MARK SIMINSKI PCA
BICYCLE AWARD

Recipient – Dave Stokoski, Crown Point
DAN HENRY'S
CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE STOKOSKI
Questions?
For more Information on Partners for Clean Air

Partners for Clean Air website: www.in.gov/idem/PartnersForCleanAir

or

Contact Charles Breitenfeldt at 219-250-0119
Thank You for Coming!!