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1	New-Indy must provide public notice of activities that may increase odors.	5/17	<p>Plan submitted to DHEC 5/17.</p> <p>05/21/21 Update: New-Indy is building a website to provide updates to the public on activities the mill is taking to address odor concerns. The website display formats, graphics, and user interfaces are being designed to provide easy access to clearly understandable facts and data in a professional manner.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: On May 26, 2021, New-Indy launched a website dedicated to facilitating communication and transparency with local residents and regulatory agencies (www.newindycatawba.com). This website includes daily reports explaining the EPA’s independent hydrogen sulfide data collection as well as information about our mill. The website will also include any public notices required by DHEC’s May 7, 2021 order and New-Indy’s May 17, 2021 Public Notification Plan.</p> <p>New-Indy met with representatives of DHEC and with local businesses to learn more about community engagement boards in South Carolina. New-Indy is in the process of organizing a community engagement board in a manner consistent with the information provided by DHEC and the local businesses. Among other things, New-Indy has asked various state and local officials to help us produce a list of people who may have an interest in participating on such board. New-Indy expects to have the board organized and to commence outreach to potential members next week.</p> <p>06/04/21 Update: The web site has begun seeing a larger increase in site visits since Friday, May 28. This increased site traffic is being fed by references from multiple other sites such as Facebook, PRNewswire, and Recycling Today. In response to DHEC feedback on the website, New-Indy is working on various enhancements to the website’s contents.</p> <p>New-Indy has compiled a complete list of potential community engagement board members from all officials. New-Indy finalized the comprehensive list</p>

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			<p>of participants for the community engagement board and invitations to those participants are expected to start going out next week.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: New-Indy has received final feedback from all officials on recommendations for the board members. The organizational documents for the community engagement board have been completed this week. Invitations for all board members have been written and will go out next week.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: New Indy issued a public notice on 06/16/21 regarding additional activities starting on 06/18 to continue surface solids removal from the ASB. New Indy shall continue to provide such notices as required.</p> <p>New Indy continues working to develop the data reporting process for delivering onsite and offsite results to the company web site as a part of our commitment to transparency with the public. At New-Indy's direction, TRC Environmental Corporation (TRC) has set up three continuous air monitoring systems onsite at the Catawba mill. Subject to DHEC's approval of New-Indy's Offsite Monitoring Quality Assurance Project Plan, TRC will establish five additional air monitoring systems in various areas surrounding the mill in the near future (as further detailed in update number 4 below). TRC's onsite air monitoring systems measure air H2S concentrations, wind direction, and wind speed. New-Indy has regularly submitted TRC's onsite air monitoring results to EPA and will follow a similar process with the offsite monitoring results once the offsite systems are operational. The technology used in TRC's air monitoring systems is similar to the technology used in EPA's Vipor monitoring systems that have been monitoring H2S concentrations in the areas surrounding the mill.</p> <p>New-Indy's website has displayed the EPA's Vipor air monitoring data since May 13, 2021. To increase transparency and dialogue with local residents, New-Indy is in the process of updating its website landing page to also include TRC's daily onsite and offsite air quality monitoring data. New-Indy</p>

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			<p>presently intends to have daily onsite TRC H2S results available on the website landing page by the end of next week.</p> <p>New-Indy issued invitations to the community engagement board members on 6/18/21. The first board meeting is set to occur in the next two weeks.</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: New Indy continues to work with our consultant to finalize the data reporting format for both onsite and offsite monitoring results. Property owner approvals for installation of the offsite monitors is in progress. The onsite monitors will report both H2S readings and wind direction & speed. The offsite monitors will report only H2S and will reference onsite monitor meteorological data as the reference for wind speed and direction.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: All five (5) offsite monitors have been installed and are operational. The five monitors are either at the same location as used by EPA or in very close proximity, and are therefore completely representative of the areas being monitored. Once the report formatting and distribution lists are completed, the reports will be shared with governing agencies and posted onto the company websites for community awareness. The daily monitor reports will include both onsite and offsite monitor data for each location, and each of the offsite property owners/custodians shall receive the reports via email prior to posting on the company website. All reports shall be submitted and posted daily. There have been no exceedances of the EPA specified levels detected at any off-site monitor since such monitors were installed, and there have been no exceedances of the EPA specified levels detected at any on-site monitor since June 17, 2021.</p> <p>The first community engagement group meeting was held this week.</p>

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2	Update and submit to DHEC a Notification of Intent for returning the stripper to operation	5/17	<p>Plan submitted to DHEC 5/17.</p> <p>05/21/21 Update: After implementing an aggressive schedule to ensure the Condensate Stripper was returned to service in a safe, clean, and reliable operating condition, it began processing foul condensate on May 3 and has continued to operate without interruption.</p> <p>With the stripper in service, the IPT was revised accordingly to reflect a combined use of the condensate stripper and the hard pipe arrangement for methanol destruction. The revised IPT was submitted to Michael Shroup of DHEC on May 17, 2021.</p> <p>The New-Indy project team continues to explore the Reduced Sulfur Compound test methods for use during the IPT.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: Additionally, guidance from both NCASI and ALS Lab specialists has led NICB to select the ALS Sulfur Liquid + HACH 6000 method for measuring Reduced Sulfur Compounds during the IPT testing. The IPT is being revised to reflect these two changes, and the revised plan shall be submitted to the Department the week of 5/31/21.</p> <p>New-Indy has retained EBS to conduct a lithium tracer study in the ASB the week of 5/31/21 to determine specific sample point locations during the ASB methanol removal performance testing scheduled for July 7-11, 2021.</p> <p>06/4/21 Update: The ASB lithium tracer study is slightly delayed due to delivery issues.</p> <p>NICB received an EPA 114 Information request on 6/2/21 regarding the IPT and requesting additional Plan modifications. This EPA request has delayed completion of the final IPT to DHEC and is being thoroughly evaluated to ensure that NICB's IPT is effectively developed and documented. NICB's response to EPA is due 6/16/21, a copy of which shall also be provided to DHEC.</p>

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			<p>Please be advised that due to a required operations maintenance outage scheduled for 6/16-18/21, the IPT dates have been delayed one week to 6/21/21 – 7/11/21.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: As referenced on 6/4/21, NICB continues to compile information and develop responses to EPA’s 114 information request regarding the IPT. New Indy has also received an additional set of questions from SC DHEC regarding process measurements and sampling & testing protocols within the IPT. All responses will be compiled and submitted by the 6/16/21 deadline. Once New Indy’s responses are submitted and the regulatory agency’s requirements are satisfied, the revised IPT shall then be updated and re-submitted to DHEC.</p> <p>The condensate stripper was shutdown this week as scheduled for the removal of an in active piece of the stripper. The piece of equipment was shipped off site to have it reconditioned. Once that piece of equipment is returned to New-Indy we will take another short outage to install that piece of equipment.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: NICB modified the IPT based on comments from both the US EPA (via a Section 114 Information Request dated 6/2/2021) and from David Monroe of the DHEC Source Evaluation Section. This updated IPT was submitted to the Department on 6/15/21. Sampling under the IPT protocol will begin 6/21/21.</p> <p>The historically inactive component which was removed from the foul condensate stripping operation continues to undergo an extensive rebuild process. Once complete, the refurbished component will become an additional active component in the foul condensate stripping process.</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: The stripper system shutdown reported in the 06/11 update has not been ongoing as has been suggested by outside resources. The shutdown began at 1100 on June 8 and was completed with the stripper</p>

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			<p>being back online and operational at 0030 on June 9 for a total downtime of only 13.5 hours.</p> <p>Refurbishment repairs are ongoing for the component which was removed on June 8.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: The stripper remains fully operational and treats on average 470 gpm. The US EPA issued a Section 114 Letter on 6/30/21 requiring a method change for measurement of TRS compounds during the IPT sampling and testing effort. New-Indy is coordinating with laboratories capable of conducting the US EPA-mandated test method to complete the testing protocol within the scheduled timeline of July 7-11, 2021.</p>
3	New-Indy is required to evaluate all potential sources of odors on-site with NCASI, with focus on how the conversion from bleached to brown paper impacts emissions.	6/1	<p>NCASI staff continues to work closely with New-Indy to evaluate all potential odor sources and associated methods to minimize odorous emissions.</p> <p>A key focal point in this effort is to re-evaluate the predicted environmental impact of converting from bleached to high kappa unbleached products. Although widely accepted industry standards were used for initial predictions, using a combination of newly available information from NCASI and the data from planned stack testing will position New-Indy to establish a more site-specific prediction for environmental capabilities (as opposed to more generic industry standards).</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: Ongoing consults with NCASI have confirmed that New Indy correctly applied all emission factors utilized in the 2019 and 2020 Air permitting applications. This review also confirms that the emission factors utilized are the most up-to-date factors available for modeling New Indy's Catawba operation. New Indy continues to rely on NCASI input and guidance to review and address operating conditions to minimize potential odor emissions.</p> <p>The final response to this item remains on target for submittal by the June 1, 2021 deadline.</p>

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			<p>06/4/21 Update: On June 1, New-Indy submitted the final response to the Department. NCASI has confirmed that all calculations and emissions factors associated with the 2019 and 2020 air permitting applications were accurate. Using these factors, New-Indy is decreasing H2S emissions by 1.9 tons/year by running the foul condensate stripper (compared to historic bleached operation with the foul condensate stripper in service).</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: New Indy has determined that the wastewater treatment plant’s post-aeration basin may be an occasional contributor to onsite elevated hydrogen sulfide readings. In response, the basin has been covered with a tarp and placed under slight negative pressure by a fan which pushes the air volume through an activated carbon filter unit. This system received DHEC approval prior to initiation on June 8, 2021.</p> <p>Preliminary operating data (only two days) suggests that the carbon filter unit is a potentially effective solution. Additional operating time is required to define the long term effectiveness, but New Indy will continue its operation as a temporary method. Meanwhile, New Indy is also consulting with other outside resources to explore potential best practices approach to this kind of situation on a longer term basis.</p> <p>6/18/21 Update: New-Indy continues to utilize the temporary activated carbon filtration (ACF) system at the post-aeration basin (PAB). The temporary cover was reinforced on 06/14 to address damage created by a strong thunderstorm over the preceding weekend. Additionally, the PAB vapor exhaust system has been upgraded to improve the vapor capture for treatment in the ACF system. Early testing continues to demonstrate improved H2S levels around the PAB structure. The potential value and/or need for a permanent vapor filtration system is still being studied.</p> <p>Meanwhile, New-Indy continues to contact additional environmental treatment companies to review potential PAB vapor treatment options to determine the best long term solution, should that be deemed necessary.</p>

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			<p>New-Indy continues to implement corrective measures this week at Pond 1. These measures include continued use of two (2) surface aerators (pond's north end) and the addition of ferric chloride to Pond 1's influent (started 6/17/21).</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: The activated carbon media was replaced in the filtration system June 19, 2021. Hydrogen peroxide addition was initiated in #1 Holding Pond on 6/25/21.</p> <p>07/02 Update: No new actions have been implemented since the last update. New-Indy continues to add hydrogen peroxide and ferric chloride to the No.1 Holding Pond, run extra aerators at the No.1 Holding Pond entrance, and operate the carbon filtration system at the Post-Aeration Basin.</p>
4	New-Indy is required to develop a QAPP to monitor H ₂ S onsite and offsite.	6/1	<p>New Indy's consultant (TRC) continues compiling the QAPP for fence line monitoring per the EPA Emergency Order requirements. TRC is also compiling a proposed monitoring plan for off-site monitoring which shall be generally consistent with the current effort implemented by EPA with their community monitors.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: The Onsite specific QAPP has been completed, and the offsite QAPP is being finalized. New Indy conducted a preliminary review meeting with DHEC on May 27, 2021 to discuss New Indy's plan and DHEC expectations for offsite monitoring. The suggestions made by DHEC during this meeting are being incorporated into the initial Draft plan for submission by the June 1 deadline.</p> <p>06/04/21 Update: New-Indy submitted a revised onsite monitoring QAPP to the Department on June 1, 2021. New-Indy received EPA approval for its Final Remedial Plan on 05/28/2021, and this approval notification included some additional comments and guidance regarding the Onsite QAPP which had been submitted to them earlier that same week. The comments and</p>

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			<p>guidance were incorporated into a final revision, and the final Onsite QAPP was then submitted to the Department on June 1, 2021.</p> <p>New-Indy initiated a conference call with the Department on May 25 to preliminarily review the offsite monitoring QAPP. The call was scheduled and held on May 27, which was very productive. New-Indy’s consultant then incorporated DHEC input into a further revision of the Offsite QAPP, and the final version was submitted to the Department on June 1, 2021.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: Both onsite and offsite QAPP documents are being revised to address input from both EPA and DHEC. Once the feedback from both agencies is addressed within the documents, the final versions of each document shall be supplied to each agency.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: Revisions have been completed with feedback from both agencies for both Onsite and Offsite QAPP documents. Internal review is being finalized with an expected submittal to DHEC and EPA by close of business on 06/18/21.</p> <p>A review meeting was held with DHEC on 06/16/21 to discuss the status of the QAPP documents. During that meeting, DHEC confirmed that the initially proposed offsite locations are acceptable. Accordingly, while the QAPP documents are undergoing final internal review, New Indy and our consultant are simultaneously finalizing the specific siting details for each of the five (5) offsite monitor locations. Once the site locations are finalized on 06/18/21, New Indy will immediately seek property owner approvals and begin positioning these monitors in the field to bring them online.</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: The finalized QAPP documents were submitted to both regulatory agencies on 06/21/2021. New Indy, our consultant, and legal team are working to finalize offsite property owner approval for monitor siting and setup with a goal to complete the offsite monitor installations prior to the cessation of EPA’s offsite monitoring on 06/30. New Indy is also</p>

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			<p>developing the data reporting format to allow monitor results to be easily accessed and understandable as we move forward with this implementation.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: Following up from the last round of comments from DHEC, the offsite QAPP has been revised and is in final review with an estimated completion and resubmittal by the end of day, July 2, 2021.</p> <p>All five (5) offsite monitors are in place and reporting data. The data report format is finalized and final distribution lists determined, the reports have been communicated to the reporting agencies, monitor hosts, and will be subsequently posted to the company landing page.</p>
5	New-Indy is required to develop a plan to test the stacks and vents to determine if emissions have increased.	6/1	<p>New-Indy has retained consultants to develop an enhanced stack testing plan and protocol. The scope of testing will be broader than that proposed by EPA and DHEC so that the resultant air dispersion modeling is representative of actual manufacturing conditions with the reconfigured operation.</p> <p>Developing this enhanced protocol is a direct result of New-Indy’s commitment to aggressively and responsibly address the environmental concerns communicated by the local community and both government agencies. New-Indy seeks to generate air dispersion modeling results that accurately reflect the Catawba mill’s actual manufacturing conditions.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: The site-specific test plan is drafted and under review. Testing is scheduled for the weeks of June 21, 2021 and June 28, 2021. This plan will be submitted to the Department on 6/1/2021.</p> <p>06/04/21 Update: New-Indy submitted the Stack Test Plan to the Department on June 1, 2021. New Indy received additional questions on June 3, and completed a very productive and informative site visit with DHEC staff to review details associated with their questions. New-Indy expects to receive additional questions during the week of June 7, and will respond accordingly.</p>

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			<p>06/11/21 Update: On 6/10/21, NICB responded to the DHEC questions regarding the stack test plan which was submitted by the 06/01 deadline. DHEC staff has subsequently provided additional input with additional testing requirements on the Combination Boilers, the Pulp Dryer Vent and the 6 Dryer Vents on PM3. Satisfying the new stipulations will require New Indy to make engineered modifications to the PM3 and Dryer vent ducts.</p> <p>Despite New-Indy’s best efforts, the testing company is unable to start the test program until June 21, but such company has assured us that the full test will be complete on or before the date for such requirement set forth in the order.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: New Indy continues to work with the DHEC Source Evaluation Section to establish the PM3 Dryer Exhaust Vent and Pulp Dryer Exhaust Vent testing protocol. The team decided that Methods 1-4 need to be applied to this testing, and this requires that all the vents be mechanically modified prior to testing. New Indy has held daily conference calls with DHEC staff to review the vent modifications. All PM3 dryer vent stacks have been modified accordingly, and our stack testing contractor has verified the absence of cyclonic flow (one of the testing requirements). The required design modification to the Pulp Dryer vent stack is ongoing.</p> <p>The Source Evaluation Section reviewed the Combination Boiler operating parameters for the Combination Boiler stack testing effort. New-Indy received final approval for the testing protocol on 6/18/21. Testing is scheduled to begin 6/21/21 and to wrap up on 6/30/21.</p> <p>Air dispersion modeling will begin no later than 15 days after completion of the stack testing, and completion of this effort will be within 45 days of the stack test completion.</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: The testing required under this condition was initiated on 6/21/21 and has been performed daily throughout the week. New-Indy and DHEC staff have worked cooperatively to develop a robust testing protocol that will fully meet the intent of this condition. New-Indy has hosted DHEC</p>

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			<p>staff each day to allow for observation of testing activities and review the preliminary data and data validation efforts. New Indy shall complete all required testing by 6/30/21 deadline.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: The stack testing required by this Condition was completed on 6/27/21. Data collection and sample analyses are ongoing.</p> <p>New-Indy has submitted a proposed timeline for the facility-wide air dispersion modeling to the Department for review and approval. This tentative schedule was developed in consultation with DHEC Source Evaluation team members.</p>
5	New-Indy must commence that test with DHEC personnel to observe.	6/15	<p>New-Indy will provide the required notice to DHEC so they have the opportunity to observe the testing. After much discussion and schedule review with the stack testing contractor, testing cannot begin until the week of June 21, 2021, but the DHEC required testing will be completed by the June 30 deadline.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: New-Indy will provide the required notice and opportunity for DHEC personnel to observe the planned testing. As noted above, the testing schedule will be 6/21/21 – 7/2/21.</p> <p>06/04/21 Update: Provided an informational tour of the paper machine and pulp dryer roof vents to DHEC staff to allow the Department to better evaluate the effectiveness of the testing protocol in meeting the objectives of this condition. New-Indy remains on track to perform the testing between 6/21/21 – 7/2/21.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: Discussions have been held with the Source Evaluation Section to finalize the stack testing protocol. NICB remains on track to perform the testing between 6/21-30/2021. To ensure that NICB meets the 06/30/2021 deadline for test completion, NICB will be testing every day between those start and completion dates, including weekend days.</p>

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			<p>06/18/21 Update: NICB remains on track to perform the testing between 06/21-30/2021, pending protocol approval by DHEC.</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: New-Indy has hosted DHEC staff each day to allow for observation of the test, review, and validation of the preliminary data.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: New-Indy hosted DHEC staff every day of the testing program as requested under this condition. Complete access was provided to the testing site, control room operating personnel, and any other area of interest.</p>
5	Test the stacks and vents to determine if emissions have increased.	6/30	<p>As mentioned above, New-Indy seeks stack test results that are truly representative of Catawba’s current operating performance. Accordingly, stack testing will be performed on additional stack vents which have not been required by EPA or DHEC.</p> <p>DHEC required testing is scheduled for completion by the June 30 deadline. All additional stack testing outside of the original order is scheduled for completion by July 2, 2021.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: No updates this week.</p> <p>06/04/21 Update: See comments above.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: See comments above.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: See comments above.</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: See comments above.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: See comments above.</p>
5	New-Indy must conduct a facility wide air dispersion analysis.	7/15	<p>As mentioned in earlier discussion points, New-Indy is working closely with NCASI and consultants to complete a truly representative air dispersion modeling analysis. This enhanced modeling will not only be consistent with pre-conversion modeling efforts when the mill was producing bleached pulp</p>

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			<p>and paper products, it will also provide the most accurate comparative before/after analysis.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: New Indy has thoroughly reviewed this requirement with both NCASI and ALL4, both of whom are highly experienced with this type of air dispersion modeling.</p> <p>06/04/21 Update: New-Indy and its consultants are prepared to conduct the facility-wide air dispersion modeling upon the release of the analytical results of the stack, vent and condensate testing.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: Once the stack testing is completed, the samples shall be analyzed and all test results submitted through standard QA checks and reviews. It is very important that the data quality be validated before being used in an air dispersion model. NICB shall initiate modeling 15 days after the completion of the stack test.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: Air dispersion modeling will begin no later than 15 days after completion of the stack testing, and completion of this effort will be within 45 days of the stack test completion.</p> <p>06/25/21: Air dispersion modeling will begin no later than 15 days after the completion of the stack testing.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: New-Indy has submitted a proposed timeline for the facility-wide air dispersion modeling to the Department for review and approval. This tentative schedule was developed in consultation with DHEC Source Evaluation team members.</p>
6	Develop a corrective action plan for results of the evaluation of potential sources of H ₂ S at the mill (order 3), which will become an “enforceable part of this Order” upon DHEC approval.	6/15	Corrective actions are critically important to resolve performance gaps or deficiencies, and New-Indy is committed to both defining what deficiencies may exist and then resolving those issues in a timely and responsible manner. New-Indy and their consultants are actively working to develop a truly effective Corrective Action Plan to address all identifiable performance

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			<p>deficiencies, and this will be an increasingly progressive effort which will become more detailed and effective as additional data becomes available.</p> <p>For example, revalidating historically used emission factors and completed additional stack tests will both provide data from which the Catawba operation can be more accurately characterized.</p> <p>That said, the final version of this plan will be completed after the above activities are completed and air dispersion modeling results are available.</p> <p>In the meantime, all currently identifiable corrective actions and their implementation will be included in the preliminary plan which will be submitted by the June 15 deadline.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: No updates this week.</p> <p>06/4/21 Update: New Indy continues to evaluate its operations daily to identify and resolve any potential issues. Inspections are ongoing to ensure that operations remain in good mechanical condition.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: As referenced in Condition 3, NICB has implemented an air filtration system at the post-aeration basin as of June 8, 2021. Additional process and operating parameters continue to be evaluated on a daily and weekly basis by both NICB and Consultant personnel. Furthermore, NICB continues working closely with our consultants to develop a thoroughly robust corrective action plan as directed by the Order.</p> <p>06/18/21: New-Indy submitted the Corrective Action Plan to the Department on 6/15/21 as required by the Order.</p> <p>New-Indy continues to use the temporary activated carbon filtration (ACF) system at the post-aeration basin (PAB). The temporary cover was reinforced on 06/14 to address damage created by a strong thunderstorm over the preceding weekend. Additionally, the PAB vapor exhaust system has been upgraded to improve the vapor capture for treatment in the ACF system. Early testing continues to demonstrate improved H2S levels around</p>

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			<p>the PAB structure. The potential value and/or need for a permanent vapor filtration system is still being studied.</p> <p>In addition to the ongoing peroxide supplementation at the ASB inlet, other corrective measures implemented include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continued use of two (2) surface aerators (pond’s north end), - ASB inlet oxygenation system was started up on 6/16/21, and - addition of ferric chloride to Pond 1’s influent (started 6/17/21). <p>06/25/21 Update: The activated carbon media was replaced in the filtration system June 19, 2021.</p> <p>New-Indy continues to operate the two surface aerators.</p> <p>New-Indy continues to add ferric chloride to #1 Holding Pond .</p> <p>Hydrogen peroxide addition was initiated into the #1 Holding Pond on 6/25/21.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: No new programs have been initiated to the system over the last 7 days. The currently implemented actions remain under close observation and evaluation to identify and quantify their potential success. Ongoing monitoring demonstrates continuous improvement in water quality with the enactment of these initiatives.</p>
7	Develop a CAP for the wastewater treatment plant.	6/15	<p>The corrective action plan for the wastewater treatment plant will be drafted once the results of the analysis of the potential sources of odors has been completed. NCASI is currently investigating modeling of H2S using their H2S modeling simulator.</p> <p>New-Indy is closely monitoring the WWTP operation and performance. Environmental Business Specialists LLC (EBS) and TRC have been retained to perform diagnostic analyses of the wastewater plant on a once/2-week cycle. The next visit is scheduled for May 25, 2021. Initial reviews have</p>

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			<p>- Requests for approval for addition of chemicals to #1 Holding Pond were submitted on 6/10/21.</p> <p>ASB Surface Solids removal is continuing, and NICB continues to adapt removal techniques to ensure that high rates of progress are effectively maintained. As additional surface solids are removed from around the aerators, repairs are made and those units returned to service in a controlled and consistent manner.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: New-Indy continues to implement improvements to the WWTP operation. The actions below are in addition to those measures implemented the week of 6/11/21.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oxygen addition to the inlet of the ASB was initiated on 6/16/21 to supplement the oxygen availability in the north end of the ASB. - Ferric chloride addition to the inlet of the #1 Holding Pond was implemented on 6/17/21. - Beginning 06/18/2021, the ASB surface solids removal process will be augmented with additional equipment in the north end of the ASB to improve the solids removal process. - Aerators will continue to be returned to service as access is made possible by the continuing removal of surface solids (estimated to last through mid-July). <p>06/25/21 Update: New-Indy continues to implement improvements to the WWTP operation. Actions enacted since the last update on 06/18/21 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activated carbon filtration media was replaced on 06/19/21. - ASB surface solids removal was supported with the use of two barge-mounted excavators. These units are accessing the areas in the north end of the basin which have not been achievable to-date. - Aerators will be returned to service in the north end of the pond as these solids are removed and access is created.

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			<p>- Hydrogen peroxide addition to the #1 Holding Pond was initiated on 6/25/21.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: Although no new programs were initiated since the most recent update, existing and ongoing actions continue to indicate progressive improvements in the water quality.</p> <p>The ASB solids removal program will be expanded to a third contract firm. This firm will work in addition to the existing two contract firms on solids removal.</p>
8	Submit a weekly report each Friday to Renee regarding implementation of this order.	Start 5/14, weekly thereafter	<p>New-Indy is submitting this weekly report today and will continue to do so weekly. These reports will include all pertinent accomplishments from week-to-week. New-Indy will continue to work diligently to comply with DHEC expectations in a meaningful and effective manner.</p> <p>05/28/21 Update: Ongoing.</p> <p>06/04/21 Update: Ongoing.</p> <p>06/11/21 Update: Ongoing.</p> <p>06/18/21 Update: Ongoing.</p> <p>06/25/21 Update: Ongoing.</p> <p>07/02/21 Update: Ongoing.</p>