

LEVELING UP ASSET MANAGEMENT: INDIANA'S NEW UTILITY REQUIREMENTS

Big changes are coming for Indiana's water and wastewater utilities. Starting in 2026, Indiana water or wastewater utilities not regulated by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) must submit a report on their asset management program (AMP) to the IURC once every four years. This new law, signed into effect by the Indiana General Assembly on July 1, 2025, is designed to strengthen long-term planning and sustainable utility operations statewide.

To comply, utilities must demonstrate progress in implementing the Indiana Finance Authority's (IFA) guidelines for AMPs and certify that the utility can support a sustainable program. An AMP Checklist and AMP Guidance are available on the IFA website.

A PHASED, ONLINE REPORTING CYCLE

The new reporting process will be completed online and phased in over a four-year cycle, based on the utility type and the utility name, in alphabetical order. Water utilities will submit during the first two years of the cycle, followed by wastewater utilities in years three and four.

REPORTING SCHEDULE:

- **Water utilities A–L: due July 1, 2026**
- **Water utilities M–Z: due July 1, 2027**
- **Wastewater utilities A–L: due July 1, 2028**
- **Wastewater utilities M–Z: due July 1, 2029**

BUILDING A STRONG ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A complete AMP is built on three core elements: technical, managerial, and financial, each designed to promote thoughtful maintenance, investment, and rehabilitation of utility systems. Fleis & VandenBrink (F&V) regularly supports utilities through the technical portion of the plan,

including system mapping, asset inventories, condition assessments, and 20-year cost projections. F&V provides these services to numerous communities each year.

"F&V helped North Dearborn Water Authority with our AMP in 2023," said Nick Bischoff, Line Superintendent for the authority. "I am taking over the water system from another superintendent who has worked for the utility for many years, and this document will provide a great tool for me to use for many years to come."

F&V can also assist with the managerial and financial checklist components when needed.

"In the past several years, Morgantown has hired F&V to help track all existing and new assets, and this has been added to our Asset Management Plan," said Sharon McIntosh, Clerk-Treasurer for Morgantown. "When new projects begin, F&V prepares a spreadsheet showing all the information and inventory of the latest projects to update in the AMP, which is a great help when completing the annual financial report for the State Board of Accounts."

The AMP Guidance allows for the plan to be tailored to the size and characteristics of your utilities, as F&V understands that all utilities are unique and have varied components.

If you have questions about the new requirements or need assistance developing or updating your AMP, please contact Jill Curry, F&V Sr. Project Manager, at 317.745.6995 or email her at jcurry@fveng.com.



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