

ENVIRONMENTAL FAQs

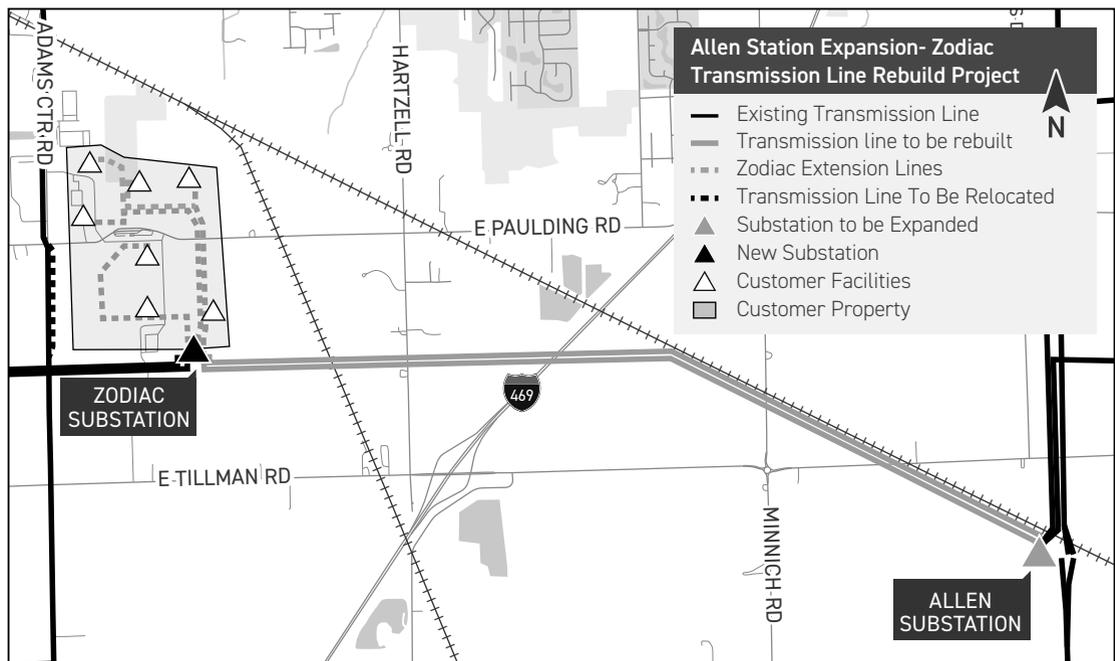
Allen Station Expansion - Zodiac Transmission Line Rebuild Project.

Permits and AEP/I&M's commitment to the environment:

- I&M strives to deliver affordable, reliable electricity while protecting the environment in compliance with federal, state and local applicable requirements.
- I&M has complied with all necessary filings of required permits on AEP property and easements.
- I&M applied to Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and Army Corps for permits.

Allen to Zodiac Transmission Line Project

Project Teams identified and evaluated environmental resources and community impacts during project planning. All comprehensive environmental studies support project permitting and regulatory compliance.



Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) and American Electric Power (AEP) implement proactive avoidance measures during the permitting phase to minimize potential impacts. Upon completion of the projects, all temporary disturbed areas will be stabilized. Any bare or exposed soil will be seeded and restored to pre-construction conditions in accordance with AEP standards and agency requirements to ensure permanent stabilization.

Allen to Zodiac Transmission Line Rebuild Environmental Protection and Compliance Includes:

- Wetland protections and delineations
- Threatened and endangered species protection surveys
- Cultural resource surveys
- County floodplain Protection
- Restoration and stabilization of temporary soil disturbance in accordance with AEP/I&M standards and agency requirements.

Allen Station Expansion Project

Comprehensive environmental studies are currently in process to support permitting and regulatory compliance for the Allen Station Expansion project, currently in the planning stages. Final county approvals are still pending. Upon receipt of these approvals, the permitting process is anticipated to continue, with the formal submission process expected to begin Spring 2026. Schedules subject to change. Proposed relocation of an existing drain/stream will necessitate mitigation, the extent of which will be determined through coordination with the appropriate regulatory agencies.

A more detailed understanding of specific permit requirements, mitigation obligations, and agency conditions will be established as regulatory considerations and impacts are fully vetted through the remaining planning stages and county approvals.

Allen Station Expansion - Environmental Protection and Compliance Includes:

- Wetland protections and delineations.
- Detailed Erosion Plan and retention ponds.
- Threatened and endangered species protection surveys.
- Cultural resource surveys.
- County floodplain permits.
- Design approvals and preparations.
- Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- Building and expanding storm water retention ponds
- Possible authorization under Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act.
- Relocation of Dennis No. 1 Drain, an open ditch that runs through the property, bordering the substation, under the jurisdiction of the Allen County Drainage Board.
- AEP is required to comply with all necessary environmental protection practices and sign an agreement to take responsibility for the drain's maintenance, only on AEP property, to ensure the community will not incur any additional cost.
- Building a new retaining wall between the station and the railroad.
- Restoration and stabilization of temporary soil disturbance in accordance with AEP standards and agency requirements.
- Mitigation of possible increased noise and dust to the neighbors during construction by watering bare earth, resulting in dust levels less than the typical agricultural activities in the area. Mitigation measures for increased noise will be to limit the loud machinery to daytime use only.

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