

Indiana's Research and Farming Regulations

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About the Office of Indiana State Chemist & Seed Commissioner (OISC)

- Established in Purdue University in 1881 by the Indiana legislature. The OISC is legally independent of Purdue University with regard to its statutorily assigned authorities, but is administratively a fully integrated part of the University.

About the Office of Indiana State Chemist & Seed Commissioner (OISC)

- The OISC has statutory responsibility for product registration, use and application for animal feed and pet foods, fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia, pesticides, and seed.
- The seed section of OISC under authority of the Seed Commissioner is where the legal responsibility for industrial hemp resides.

Initiation of Industrial Hemp Regulation in Indiana

- Legislature adopted into law IC 15-15-13, the Indiana Industrial Hemp Law. Signed into law by Governor Pence in March 2014.
- First research licenses issued in Indiana in April 2015.

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- IC 15-15-13 addresses a two-fold regulatory process (as indicated in the title):
 - Currently: Research by qualified University personnel and Department's of Agriculture (governed most directly by federal law and IC 15-15-13)
 - Future: Production scale regulations – to be governed by portions of the industrial hemp statute (IC 15-15-13) and adoption of administrative rules.

Industrial Hemp Regulation (1)

- Industrial hemp includes only plants with less than 0.3% THC dry weight.
- Licenses from OISC are currently granted only to researchers in recognized institutions of higher learning or qualified researchers within department of agriculture. Includes agronomic research and varietal evaluation by researchers.
- Future licensing of industrial hemp, in production scale, includes agricultural hemp seed licenses and handler licenses.

Industrial Hemp Regulation (2)

- Plants in excess of 0.3% THC dry weight, are licensed through existing authorities of the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, DEA, and FDA as appropriate. Comment: *University or College Biosafety Committees, or their equivalent, generally oversee the research compliance of research personnel.*

Industrial Hemp Regulation (3)

- All Industrial Hemp regulation currently requires authorizations:
 - Consistent with federal regulations;
 - Consistent with state regulations;
 - Consistent with institutional oversight, for example, in institutions of higher learning.
- The number of licenses or permits required to conduct research is usually multiple, and may vary from state to state and within an institution based on the project being researched.

Helpful Indiana Websites

- Office of Indiana State Chemist & Seed Commissioner – Applications, Regulatory license information, etc.
 - http://www.oisc.purdue.edu/seed/industrial_hemp.html
- Purdue University Industrial Hemp Project Website
 - <https://www.purduehemp.org/>

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