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TO: Public Water Supply System Managers

FROM: Carrie Monosmith, Chief
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SUBJECT: 2013 Wellhead Protection Grant Program Application for
Type 1 Public Water Supply Systems (PWSSs)

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has released the Wellhead Protection Grant Program application for 2013. The application and supporting materials are in Microsoft Word format and can be downloaded directly from the Michigan Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP) Web page. To access the grant application package, go to the DEQ Web site at www.michigan.gov/deq. Click on the "Water" link on the side of the Web page. Once you are on the "Water" Web page, click on the "Drinking Water" subheading and then, click on the "Drinking Water" link on the left side of the page. The Wellhead Protection page link will be at the bottom of the page. The grant application can be found under the Grants column in the middle of the page. If you do not have Internet access, please contact Ms. Diane Reck, Community Drinking Water Unit (CDWU), Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section (DWEHS), Resource Management Division (RMD), at 517-241-1318, to request an application package.

Michigan's Wellhead Protection Grants are a 50 percent local match program to assist public water supplies in developing and implementing a WHPP and are voluntarily implemented on the local and state levels. The goal is to protect PWSSs that use groundwater from potential sources of contamination. Protection is provided by identifying the area that contributes groundwater to the PWSS, identifying sources of contamination within that area, and developing methods to cooperatively manage the area and minimize any threat to the PWSS.

Grant eligible activities are tasks undertaken for the purpose of determining a wellhead protection area, developing, implementing or maintaining a wellhead protection program, and public outreach or education about wellhead protection.

PWSSs that utilize groundwater as a source of drinking water, which are exclusive of federally owned facilities, and that have no outstanding prior year fees owed to the state, are eligible for grant assistance.

The minimum application requirements include:

- A 50 percent local match that must be provided through local funds equal to the amount of grant assistance requested.
- A wellhead protection team consisting of at least three people.
- A minimum score of ten on the application.

Due to a likely reduction in the Drinking Water and Revolving Loan Fund for Fiscal Year 2013, some PWSSs may not receive grant funding this year.

The PWSSs that have previously applied for grant assistance and wish to reapply must:

- (1) Complete the application.
- (2) Have all team members sign and submit a new participation agreement.
- (3) Submit "Table 2: Grant Assistance Tabulation;" "Table 3: Grant Activities Schedule of Completion;" and, if necessary, "Table 1: Previous Expenditure Tabulation."

In addition, PWSSs that plan to incorporate Wellhead delineations in the Table 2 activities should contact Mr. Wayne Kukuk, CDWU, DWEHS, RMD, at 517-241-1434, prior to submitting an application.

Applicants that are reapplying should not send documentation that was included in their previous applications unless changes or additions have been made since the previous application. Documentation of new expenditures must be submitted if funds have been expended on wellhead protection activities since the last application and if those funds have not been matched with grant dollars.

All completed applications and documentation for the scoring process (including Participation Agreements with original signatures) must either be hand delivered by 4:00 p.m. on June 15, 2012, or postmarked no later than June 15, 2012. Grants will be announced after the applications have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Mr. Jason Berndt, at 517-241-1434; or berndtj1@michigan.gov; or DEQ, RMD, DWEHS, CDWU, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741.

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