

Water Resources Division

Most things water (not drinking water)

Protect and monitor Michigan's waters – swimmable, fishable, fish safe to eat, and healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Tools include the federal Clean Water Act and state statutes, Michigan water quality standards, permits, enforcement, monitoring, grants, and technical assistance.

Wastewater

- ✚ Issue permits for facilities proposing to discharge wastewater to surface waters or groundwaters
- ✚ Inspect and conduct other compliance determinations
- ✚ Beside traditional industrial and municipal wastewater, also includes storm water: industrial, construction sites, and municipal
- ✚ Take enforcement action where appropriate for noncompliance
- ✚ Respond to spills to surface waters
- ✚ Issue construction permits for municipal wastewater systems
- ✚ Permit activities to control aquatic nuisance plants

Surface Water

- ✚ Monitoring of ambient water quality and biota
- ✚ Develop plans for water bodies so they meet water quality standards
- ✚ Address nonpoint pollutants (unregulated sources, such as small farms, small construction sites, failing septic systems, etc.) through grants and technical assistance

Land and Water Interface Issues

- ✚ See diagram – “Michigan Laws Administered by DEQ WRD”

Michigan Laws Administered by DEQ Water Resources Division

Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act
Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994 & Related Statutes

