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SUBJECT: Report on Expedited Permitting Program

In accordance with Section 229 of Part 2, Article VII, of 2013 PA 59, attached is the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) report on expedited permitting program for fiscal year 2013.

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**Department of Environmental Quality
Expedited Permitting Program
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Section 229 of Part 2, Article VII, of 2013 PA 59, requires the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to provide an update on the actions the department has taken to implement expedited permitting.

DEQ Permits

The DEQ issued 9,584 permits in fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013) resulting in a positive impact on Michigan's businesses and economy. A comparison of the number of permits issued for the previous three fiscal years is included below.

Fiscal Year	Number of Permits Issued
2013	9,584
2012	9,277
2011	9,580

Processing Time Targets

The DEQ is committed to being leaders in environmental stewardship, partners in economic development, and providers of excellent customer service. In order to assure excellent customer service, the DEQ has established target processing time frames for various permits issued by the department and tracks the status of the processing time on a regular basis for the following permits:

- Land and Water Interface Permits
- Wetlands Permits
- Air Permits to Install
- Air Renewable Operating Permits
- Surface Water Discharge Permits
- Groundwater Discharge Permits
- Water Main Construction Permits
- Sanitary Sewer Construction Permits
- Solid Waste Disposal Area Construction Permits

The actual processing time in comparison to the target processing time and previously reported processing times is updated on the DEQ's scorecard located at the following Web site:

http://www.michigan.gov/openmichigan/0,4648,7-266-60201_60935---,00.html

Expedited Permitting Program

Expedited permitting processes have been utilized in various areas of the DEQ in the past. Due to the fact that most permits are issued within acceptable time frames, customer requests for expedited permits have been minimal. For example, in a three-year period, the DEQ issued eight expedited permits for water main construction permits. The DEQ is committed to providing excellent customer service and will continue to monitor permit processing times in the future.