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SUBJECT: Report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water) Program for Fiscal Year 2018

In accordance with Section 3121(5) of the 2004 PA 91 amendment to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, attached is the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water) Program for fiscal year 2018.

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Legislative Report

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water) Program

Report Period:
Fiscal Year 2018

Authority:
MCL 324.3121(5)

This report fulfills the reporting requirement contained Section 3121(5) of the 2004 PA 91 amendment to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

The activities discussed in this report represent the fiscal year (FY) 2018 activities performed in administering the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program that were funded by the NPDES Fund.

Activity (a):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee FTE</u>	<u>Total FTE</u>
Permit issuance and development	2.0	8.9
Compliance	13.1	59.2
Enforcement	1.3	5.9

There were approximately 58 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2018 in this program that were not funded by the NPDES fees.

Activity (b):

The DEQ received 294 NPDES permit applications.

Activity (c):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee-Funded Staff Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Industrial major	3,825	24,701
Industrial minor	6,485	34,546
Municipal major	12,721	42,520
Municipal minor	6,485	25,257
Municipal combined sewer overflow	355	2,688
Wastewater lagoon	827	2,809
Agricultural permit	1,252	19,348
No discharge	2,223	2,056

Activity (d):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Industrial major	7
Industrial minor	125
Municipal major	9
Municipal minor	24
Municipal combined sewer overflow	2
Wastewater lagoon	2
Agricultural permit	0
No discharge	0
Concentrated animal feeding operation*	28
Ballast water*	42
Biosolids*	0

*These are additional types of permits that were issued but they are not covered by a fee category indicated in Section 3120(1); therefore, they are not required to be reported in activity (c), above.

Activity (e):

Zero permit applications were denied.

Activity (f):

Permit applicants withdrew 35 applications.

Activity (g):

The percentage and number of permit applications reviewed for administrative completeness within statutory time frames were 83 percent and 245, respectively.

Activity (h):

The DEQ received 34 permit applications (12 percent) that were administratively complete as received.

Activity (i):

The DEQ took final action for 65 out of 76 new permit applications (86 percent) within 180 days, and 114 out of 152 applications for reissuance (75 percent) within the required time frame.

Activity (j):

The DEQ reopened zero permits to put them in the proper basin year.

Activity (k):

There were 2 unfilled positions dedicated to the NPDES Program at the end of FY 2018.

Activity (l):

The amount of revenue in the NPDES Fund at the end of FY 2018 was \$ 2,343,439.