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SUBJECT: Report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water) Program Fund for Fiscal Year 2017

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 Fund for fiscal year 2017.

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Legislative Report

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

Report Period:
Fiscal Year 2017

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) 2017 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	1.6	8.7
Compliance	10.9	58.3
Enforcement	1.1	5.8

There were approximately 59 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2017 in this program that were not funded by the NPDES fees.

Activity (b):

The DEQ received 454 NPDES permit applications.

Activity (c):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee-Funded Staff Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Industrial major	3,303	24,313
Industrial minor	5,601	34,003
Municipal major	10,986	41,852
Municipal minor	5,601	24,860
Municipal combined sewer overflow	307	2,646
Wastewater lagoon	714	2,765
Agricultural permit	1,081	19,044
No discharge	1,920	2,024

Activity (d):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Industrial major	10
Industrial minor	145
Municipal major	19
Municipal minor	31
Municipal combined sewer overflow	4
Wastewater lagoon	4
Agricultural permit	6
No discharge	0
Concentrated animal feeding operation*	177
Ballast water*	103
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 15 applications.

Activity (g):

The percentage and number of permit applications reviewed for administrative completeness within statutory time frames were 86 percent and 416, respectively.

Activity (h):

The DEQ received 279 permit applications (58 percent) that were administratively complete as received.

Activity (i):

The DEQ took final action for 73 out of 82 new permit applications (89 percent) within 180 days, and 330 out of 417 applications for reissuance (84 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 4 unfilled positions dedicated to the NPDES Program at the end of FY 2017.

Activity (l):

The amount of revenue in the NPDES Fund at the end of FY 2017 was \$3,815,538.