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2014 Program/Permit Modifications

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Water Resources Division (WRD), Aquatic Nuisance Control (ANC) Program has made several modifications to the General Permit ANCG11-97 for ponds and the General Permit ANCG11-96 for canals and marinas. Many of the modifications include simple formatting and information updates. However, some changes have been made regarding compliance and technology.

Both permits have the following added language:

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the initiation of any legal action or relieve any permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee may be subject under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.) or Endangered Species Protection, Part 365 of the Michigan Act.

Upon notice by the Department that electronic reporting tools are available for specific reports and notifications, the permittee shall submit all such reports and notifications as required by this permit, electronically.

The following definitions have been added:

1. Emergent – a plant that is rooted in the sediment with most parts of the plant maintained above the waterline
2. Floating-leaf – plants rooted in the sediment with leaves and flowers that float on the water surface
3. Native – an indigenous species to the ecosystem of Michigan prior to European settlement.
4. Non-Native invasive – an introduced species that did not occur in Michigan's ecosystem prior to European settlement and where introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human, animal and/or plant health.
5. Shoreline – the line marking the edge of a body of water.

In addition to the modifications to these two General Permits, the definitions and clarifications have also been added to the Individual and Standard permit language, along with the following:

Definition of a "Change of Scope" is any amendment where additional native species are being targeted that was not originally approved.

Furthermore, the General Permit for invasive species has been reissued as a new permit. The above mentioned, general permit modifications, have been included.

Any questions regarding these modifications can be directed to the ANC Program staff, or via the ANC Program email at deq-wrd-anc@michigan.gov.

Last, ANC has approved the use of **SonarOne** for the treatment of submerged aquatic vegetation and **Sonar Genesis** for the treatment of watermeal and duckweed in COC-eligible ponds. The two fluridone products, and their guidelines, will be added to the document containing the list of Approved Chemicals for Use Under the General Permit for Ponds. A letter further detailing this change, along with requirements, has been circulated. For further information, please contact Lisa Huberty at 517-331-5226 or at hubertyl@michigan.gov.