

DEQ AND DLEG PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES – 1/16/08

Regarding Mobile Home Communities

The State of Michigan's role in oversight of mobile home communities involves two principal departments in state government: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). Listed below are the responsibilities of both departments as well as coordination points between the two departments with special emphasis upon water and sewer systems within mobile home communities.

(A) Water supply system:

--DEQ will maintain oversight for water supply systems in certain mobile home communities as set forth under the Safe Drinking Water Act including complaint resolution. More specifically, DEQ will maintain oversight and responsibility for all mobile home communities with community water systems (i.e. private well systems) estimated at approximately 400 mobile home communities including the water supply distribution system piping in the mobile home community. DEQ will retain indirect involvement of mobile home communities whose water systems are owned by a municipality through its oversight of the municipal water supply. However, DLEG is responsible for mobile home community owned water supply piping systems that are connected to municipal water systems including complaint resolution. New mobile home communities (or mobile home community additions) will apply to DLEG for permits for those water supply lines which are owned by the mobile home community and connected to municipal systems. Such water supply systems will be required to comply with DEQ standards/requirements for installation of the water supply lines.

DEQ agrees to notify DLEG of chronic drinking water problems occurring within the 400 mobile home communities having community water systems, and also notify DLEG when they become aware of a problem involving a municipal water supply related to licensure.

(B) Sewage Collection and Disposal System:

--DEQ will maintain oversight of mobile home communities which have proprietary sewage treatment plants including the sewage discharge. However, DLEG is responsible for all sewer lines connected to this type of system. New mobile home communities (or mobile home community additions) will apply to DLEG for permits for sewer lines and will be required to comply with DEQ standards/requirements for installation of the sewer lines. The mobile home community resident is responsible for the sewer line connection between the unit and the mobile home community sewer line.

--DEQ does not have responsibility for sewage collection systems connected to municipal sewer lines. The local municipality is responsible for problems occurring between the connection of municipal sewer line and the mobile home community line. DLEG is responsible for sewer lines within the mobile home communities connected to municipal sewer systems. New mobile home communities (or mobile home community additions) will apply to DLEG for permits for sewer lines in this area and will be required to comply with the DEQ standards/requirements for installation of sewer lines.

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-- DEQ will maintain oversight and issue permits for systems that discharge over 6,000 gallons per day of sanitary wastewater or for systems that utilize a septic tank system with a volume greater than or equal to 6,000 gallons. In addition, any septic system under 10,000 gallons must be approved by the local health department. DLEG is responsible for sewer lines within the mobile home community for all systems. The mobile home community resident is responsible for the sewer line connection between the unit and the mobile home community sewer line.

(C) DLEG will maintain its responsibilities under the Governor's Executive Order for:

- Drainage
- Garbage and Rubbish Storage and Disposal
- Insect and Rodent Control
- General Operation and Maintenance and Safety
- Certificate of Compliance

(D) DLEG is responsible for Coordination of Plan Approvals. For new mobile home community construction, the DLEG will continue to coordinate with other state and/or local governmental entities for approvals prior to issuance of construction permits.

(E) DLEG is responsible for Conducting Annual Inspections of mobile home communities for items outlined in (C) above.

(F) DLEG will grant certificates of compliance based upon its Annual Inspections and Coordination/Notification with DEQ regarding outstanding issues or concerns regarding water and waste water problems within mobile home communities under DEQ jurisdiction.