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SUBJECT: Report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water) Program Fund for Fiscal Year 2019

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 Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water) Program Fund for fiscal year 2019.

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Legislative Report

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

**Report Period:
Fiscal Year 2019**

**Authority:
MCL 324.3121(5)**

This report fulfills the reporting requirement contained in 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) 2019 activities performed in administering the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) 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	1.8	6.5
Compliance	12.1	64.9
Enforcement	1.2	9.7

There were approximately 66 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2019 in this program that were not funded by the NPDES fees. Additional staff was moved from this activity to perform work on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) activities.

Activity (b):

EGLE received 561 NPDES permit applications.

Activity (c):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee-Funded Staff Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Industrial major	3,515	27,070
Industrial minor	5,960	37,859
Municipal major	11,692	46,598
Municipal minor	5,960	27,679
Municipal combined sewer overflow	326	2,946
Wastewater lagoon	760	3,078
Agricultural permit	1,151	21,204
No discharge	2,043	2,253

Activity (d):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Industrial major	5
Industrial minor	158
Municipal major	32
Municipal minor	74
Municipal combined sewer overflow	1
Wastewater lagoon	7
Agricultural permit	4
No discharge	0
Concentrated animal feeding operation*	5
Ballast water*	28
Biosolids*	0

*These are additional types of permits that were issued but 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 36 applications.

Activity (g):

The percentage and number of permit applications reviewed for administrative completeness within statutory time frames were 83 percent and 467, respectively.

Activity (h):

EGLE received 214 permit applications (38 percent) that were administratively complete as received.

Activity (i):

EGLE took final action for 57 out of 62 new permit applications (92 percent) within 180 days, and 150 out of 252 applications for reissuance (59 percent) within the required time frame.

Activity (j):

EGLE did not reopen any permits to put them in the proper basin year.

Activity (k):

There were zero unfilled positions dedicated to the NPDES Program at the end of FY 2019.

Activity (l):

The amount of revenue in the NPDES Fund at the end of FY 2019 was \$900,100.