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SUBJECT: Report on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water)
Program Fund for Fiscal Year 2020

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 2020.

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Legislative Report

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

Report Period:
Fiscal Year 2020

Authority:
MCL 324.3121(5)

This report fulfills the reporting requirements 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 fiscal year (FY) 2020 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	4.4	22.1
Compliance	12.3	62.0
Enforcement	.2	.9

There were approximately 68 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2020 in this program that were not funded by the NPDES fees.

Activity (b):

EGLE received 544 NPDES permit applications.

Activity (c):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee-Funded Staff Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Industrial major	3,796	27,281
Industrial minor	6,436	38,154
Municipal major	12,625	46,961
Municipal minor	6,436	27,895
Municipal combined sewer overflow	352	2,969
Wastewater lagoon	821	3,102
Agricultural permit	1,243	21,369
No discharge	2,203	2,271

Activity (d):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Industrial major	0
Industrial minor	97
Municipal major	12
Municipal minor	170
Municipal combined sewer overflow	0
Wastewater lagoon	10
Agricultural permit	0
No discharge	0
Concentrated animal feeding operation*	2
Ballast water*	47
Biosolids*	7

*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):

One permit application was denied.

Activity (f):

Permit applicants withdrew 46 applications.

Activity (g):

The percentage and number of permit applications reviewed for administrative completeness within statutory time frames were 73 percent and 398, respectively.

Activity (h):

EGLE received 417 permit applications (77 percent) that were administratively complete as received.

Activity (i):

EGLE took final action for 75 out of 79 new permit applications (95 percent) within 180 days, and 169 out of 252 applications for reissuance (67 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 four unfilled positions dedicated to the NPDES Program at the end of FY 2020.

Activity (l):

The balance in the NPDES Fund as of September 30, 2020 is \$480,474.