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Members of the Michigan Legislature

FROM: Liesl Eichler Clark, Director 

DATE: April 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Report on Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund

In accordance with Section 3124(5) of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of 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 Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund for fiscal year 2020.

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Attachment

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Legislative Report

Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund

Report Period:
Fiscal Year 2020

Authority:
MCL 324.3124(5)

The activities discussed in this report represent the fiscal year (FY) 2020 activities performed in administering the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Groundwater Discharge Permits Program that were funded by the Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund.

Activity (a):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions</u>
Compliance	4,941	2.5
Enforcement	430	0.2
Permit Issuance	<u>7,993</u>	<u>4.0</u>
Total	13,364	6.7

These figures are based on charges against the groundwater fees only. There were an additional 15.3 FTEs in FY 2020 in the Groundwater Discharge Permits Program that were not funded by the groundwater fees.

Activity (b):

Total applications received:	378
New use applications received:	52
Applications returned as administratively incomplete:	0

Activity (c):

Permits issued:	136
New use permits issued:	36
Applications denied:	0
Applications withdrawn:	8

Activity (d):

Percentage and number issued within 180 days:	74%; 74 of 100
Percentage and number of new use permits issued within 180 days:	92%; 33 of 36

Activity (e):

Number of inspections conducted at groundwater facilities:

Compliance evaluation (detailed) inspections ¹ :	108
Reconnaissance (general) inspections ² :	192
Termination and close-out inspections ³ :	20

¹Includes compliance evaluation inspections (85), compliance sampling inspections (21), and engineering inspections (2)

²Includes reconnaissance inspections (160) and file reviews (32)

³Includes termination inspections (9) and close-out inspections (11)

Activity (f):

Number of groundwater violation letters sent:	52
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Activity (g):

Civil actions initiated:	0
Civil actions completed:	0
Number of contested case hearings initiated and resolved:	0
Voluntary agreements:	24
Total fines and penalties collected:	\$115,371.25

Activity (h):

City of Coopersville Administrative Consent Agreement executed on August 26, 2020. Civil fine of \$36,400 and enforcement costs of \$3,250.

The following are administrative settlements entered with the listed entities for expired groundwater permits that included fines and overdue fees:

- Bobilya Chrysler
- Boss Construction
- Country Meadows MHC, LLC
- Grand Country MHP, LLC
- Gun River MHC
- Hill and Hollow Campground
- James Eckerle
- John Purcell
- Lake Forest Investments, LLC
- Legacy Park Properties
- Liedel Power Cleaning
- Lighthouse on the Lake
- Michaywe Owners Association
- Millers East Lake Campground
- North Star Township
- Oakshores Campground
- Ogemaw County Humane Society
- Osceola County Parks
- Otsego County Parks
- Quality Converters
- Ross Acquisitions, LLC
- Sparta Riverview
- Vinings Park, LLC

Activity (i):

Number of groundwater complaints:

Received:	13
Investigated:	13
Resolved:	0
Unresolved:	0

Activity (j):

Amount of revenue in the Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund at the end of FY 2020 was \$658,079.