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FROM: Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director 

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SUBJECT: Report on the Refined Petroleum Product Cleanup Program

Refined Petroleum Funds (RPFs) have provided significant funding over the years to address hundreds of leaking underground storage tanks each year. The funding allows the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to audit reports from private parties, evaluate and investigate properties, and conduct corrective actions that protect public health and the environment. In 2010 Michigan had 9,092 open leaking underground storage tank releases. Today, there are 8,212 open releases, a reduction in the State's backlog of 880 releases in 10 years. RPFs have also assisted brownfield sites across the state by allowing EGLE to perform corrective actions at sites in conjunction with redevelopment efforts by municipalities or developers.

In accordance with Section 306(2) of Part 2 of 2020 PA 166, attached is EGLE's report on the Refined Petroleum Product Cleanup Program, including:

Attachment A – State-funded sites with planned work to be funded by RPFs in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 (182 sites). Additionally, it is expected that hundreds of private party sites will require state assistance for audits, review, or oversight actions.

Attachment B – State-funded and privately-funded sites with corrective action conducted, supported by RPFs in FY 2020 (223 sites).

Attachment C – Sites with closures supported by RPFs in FY 2020 (165 sites).

Attachment D – State-funded and privately-funded sites with corrective action conducted, supported by RPFs in FY 2019 (558 sites).

Attachment E – Map of State-funded sites with corrective actions conducted in FY 2020.

EGLE is committed to continuing to address contaminated sites across the state. The RPF will make it possible for Michigan to eliminate our backlog of leaking underground storage tank sites by assisting private parties with reaching closure and by using State funds to conduct corrective actions where liable parties do not exist or where it may be beneficial for brownfield redevelopment.

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Attachments

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