



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT DRAIN FIELD OBSERVATION FORM

Year: _____ Facility Name: _____ Permit Number: _____

This form is provided for groundwater discharge permittees to record daily land application observations as required by applicable groundwater discharge permits. This form can be printed and completed by hand or the form can be completed electronically. Completion and retention of these forms is a requirement of applicable groundwater discharge permits. Permittees must keep completed forms on file for at least 3 years.

Categories:

1. **Ponding and Outbreaks.** Is there any standing water or other signs of damage or failure of the drain field? If yes, explain in comments.
2. **Odors.** Are there any foul odors associated with the irrigation area that may create nuisance conditions? If yes, explain in comments.
3. **Vegetation.** Is vegetation over the drainfield maintained at a height that allows for observation of ponding or outbreaks? Is woody vegetation (i.e. shrubs and trees) excluded from growing over the drainfield? If no, explain in comments.
4. **Sludge Depth:** Check the box if the sludge depth in the septic tank(s) was measured. Write the sludge depth in comments.
5. **Watertight:** Based on visual observation, does the septic tank appear to be watertight? Are there any signs of saturation, slumping, or other unusual settling of the soil near the septic tank? If yes, explain in comments.
6. **Initials.** Of person making observations

Date	Drainfield (Weekly)			Septic Tank (Once Annually)		6. Initials	Comments
	1. Ponding YES NO	2. Odors YES NO	3. Vegetation YES NO	4. Sludge Depth	5. Watertight YES NO		
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