



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Remediation & Redevelopment Division – Laboratory Services Section

FAQ: Drinking Water Lab Fee Updates 2026

1. What testing fees are increasing?

- Most of EGLE's laboratory testing fees are increasing except any testing that may have been recently developed or updated.

2. Why are EGLE's laboratory testing fees increasing?

- EGLE is increasing its laboratory testing fees due to the rising costs of laboratory operations, including laboratory staff, advancements in laboratory equipment and maintenance, chemical reagents and other testing supplies, and sample and hazardous waste disposal costs. EGLE's laboratory testing fees have not increased since 2007.

3. When will EGLE's laboratory testing fees be updated?

- EGLE's laboratory testing fees will be increasing on October 1, 2026.

4. How do EGLE's laboratory testing fees support the laboratory?

- EGLE's laboratory testing fees directly support the laboratory's operations based on a fee for service model. The laboratory does not receive any general funding through the State of Michigan's budgeting process.

5. Will EGLE be increasing its laboratory testing fees in the future?

- EGLE will be evaluating its laboratory testing fees annually and adjusting them only if necessary to maintain and support laboratory operations and continue providing these critical services the State of Michigan, public water supplies, businesses, and residents rely on.

6. Does EGLE offer any free or reduced cost drinking water testing?

- EGLE does not currently offer free or reduced cost drinking water testing except through specifically funded programs, budgeted or enacted by legislation.

7. What is EGLE doing to help minimize laboratory testing fee increases?

- EGLE proactively looks at fiscally and environmentally responsible ways of reducing costs to minimize the impact testing fees have on Michigan's residents, businesses, and regulated communities. One way it does this is by reviewing its testing procedures where allowable to use smaller sample sizes, reducing the cost of sample containers, chemicals and reagents required for testing, and waste generation, all reducing the impact on Michigan's environment while helping protect public health.



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