



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

MICHIGAN AQUATIC NUISANCE CONTROL 2024 PERMITTING SEASON

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), ANC Program staff would like to provide you general information regarding the 2024 permitting season.

Joshua Allison accepted the position of Secretary supporting the Water Quality and Aquatic Nuisance Control Permits Unit in April 2023. The Unit is currently working on filling the position left vacant following Doyle Brunsen's retirement earlier in 2023. Moving forward, ANC staff will not have a specific person tasked with reviewing Certificate of Coverage (COC) applications. All staff will review permit and COC applications. If you have general COC questions, please direct them via email to EGLE-WRD-ANC@Michigan.gov or follow the ANC phone day coverage guide available at Michigan.gov/EGLE/About/Organization/Water-Resources/Aquatic-Nuisance-Control/Staff.

IMPORTANT PERMITTING CHANGES FOR 2024

Copper variance requests

The target deadline for ANC permit applications or revision requests for active permits for copper treatments that are at variance with the standard permit condition on copper treatment to be submitted in MiEnviro Portal is March 15, 2024. If you have questions about a specific waterbody, please contact an ANC staff person to discuss the management proposal. The following information should be included on any such request:

- Details on the proposed treatment;
- Vegetation survey data documenting changes in the distribution and abundance of the nonnative starry stonewort or native nuisance algal species;
- Treatment history summary showing trends and previous management approaches;
- Photos of areas that are impacted by nuisance conditions (if applicable/available);
- Other data or information regarding the nuisance conditions.

Annual Fee Processing Update

The Annual Fee Schedule of Compliance in MiEnviro Portal has been updated to automatically display the correct fee due based on the current permit or amendment fee in effect. This replaces the need for permittees to type in the fee amount themselves when paying an annual fee.

Suspended Permit Status Update

MiEnviro Portal will have a new feature in 2024 – Permits and COCs with unpaid annual fees will be set to Suspended Status in the system. This status will appear after a one-month grace period for fees not paid by April 1 of the year due if the fee is still not paid. This update will allow both permittees and ANC staff to more clearly see that a permit is in unpaid status and thus not currently an In Effect permit.

Alternate Posting Requests

ANC staff are aware that permittees on a select number of lakes may think current standard posting practices are impractical or unfeasible. To better facilitate these types of requests, ANC staff has developed the below process with a set of six questions that should be included in your application or revision request if you are requesting alternative posting requirements:

Please include the phrase “Alternate Posting Request” in the free typing block in the Treatment Information section of the ANC permit application or the Revision Information section of the ANC permit revision request to give the ANC reviewer a heads up; and then copy and answer the following questions in the section.

1. For the specific waterbody, neighborhood, or residents, explain why standard posting is impractical or unfeasible.
2. Is the alternate posting request related to a desire from the association, residents, or customers, or is it motivated by the permit applicant or permittee?
3. Describe the alternative posting approach and locations.
4. Identify the following on a map:
 - a. location(s) of alternate posting
 - b. the location(s) of public or community use sites (beaches, fishing areas, boat launches, parks). These public areas may be required to be posted under the alternate posting proposal.
5. Explain how alternate posting will achieve the objective of informing residents (within the treatment area and outside the treatment area) and visiting lake users as effectively or more effectively than the standard posting requirement.
6. Are there any anticipated conflicts among local stakeholders that may arise as a result of alternate posting? If yes, how will the permittee mitigate the conflict.

Target deadlines for Fluridone applications and evaluation treatments

The target deadline for ANC permit applications for Fluridone treatments to be submitted in MiEnviro Portal is January 29, 2024.

Prior to submitting evaluation treatment proposals, please contact Lisa Huberty at HubertyL@Michigan.gov or 517-331-5226 to discuss the proposed evaluation treatment and to determine which MiEnviro Portal form to use. The target deadline for evaluation treatment proposals to be submitted in MiEnviro Portal is January 15, 2024.

Certifier Agreement Clarification

There was an update to the Certifier Agreement (CA) process in 2023 that is carrying forward for 2024. Currently, a CA Form with wet ink signature sent via U.S. Mail is only required for a MiEnviro Portal User for the first site update in a calendar year. Subsequent new site Certifier Requests made in that year can be submitted electronically, either individually on a scanned copy of the CA Form, or as a combined spreadsheet format listing the users name and email and the specific waterbodies being requested. Questions and electronic requests can be sent to Joshua Allison at AllisonJ6@Michigan.gov.

Emergency Notification Procedure (ENP)

Please send your current ENP to the ANC Program at: EGLE-WRD-ANC@Michigan.gov. The ENP must include all means to contact you on short notice (i.e., business, mobile, and personal telephone numbers), and indicate the order of priority of telephone numbers. If your ENP has not changed since last year, please notify the ANC Program in writing that there are no changes.

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