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SUBJECT: Report on Permitting and Licensing

In accordance with Section 1311 of Part 13, Permits, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and Section 238 of Article 4, Part 2, of 2023 PA 119, attached is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on permitting and licensing for fiscal year 2024.

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# Legislative Report

## Permitting and Licensing Report

**Report Period:**  
**Fiscal Year 2024**

**Authority:**  
**MCL 324.1311 and**  
**Section 238 of Article 4, Part 2, of 2023 PA 119**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

One of the ways the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) achieves its mission of protecting Michigan’s environment and public health by managing air, water, land, and energy resources is by assuring permits and licenses are issued in accordance with environmental standards. Permit issuance is one of EGLE’s core functions for projects ranging from homeowner permits for seawall installations to large manufacturing air permits.

EGLE administers 68 different permits and licenses, including 33 authorized under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). Section 1311 of Part 13, Permits, of the NREPA, and Section 238 of Article 4, Part 2, of 2023 PA 119, require EGLE to report information on individual permitting and licensing programs annually.

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***EGLE approved over  
23,400 permits in fiscal  
year 2024***

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In fiscal year 2024, 25,210 applications were received for EGLE’s 68 permit and license categories. Nearly 96 percent of permit actions were approved. Below is a complete summary of fiscal year 2024 actions. Additional details regarding EGLE’s various permits and licenses are attached.

Action Taken*	Number of Permit Application Actions Taken	Percentage
Approved	23,442	95.78%
Withdrawn	797	3.23%
Denied	235	.96%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,474</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*The number of permit applications approved, withdrawn, and denied differ from the number of permit applications received in a fiscal year as some applications are received in one fiscal year and approved, withdrawn, or denied in another fiscal year. Denials of permits occur when the applicant does not meet the regulations or due to lack of information provided to process the application.

### Four-Year Comparison of Permit Applications Received

The following chart captures the change in permit applications received over the past four years by division:

Division	2021	2022	2023	2024
Air Quality	764	689	638	592
Drinking Water and Environmental Health	8,464	8,441	8,856	9,035
Geologic Resources Management	82	93	78	76
Materials Management*	5,939	9,009	5,885	6,327
Water Resources	10,401	9,087	8,698	9,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,650</b>	<b>27,319</b>	<b>24,155</b>	<b>25,210</b>

\*Division numbers vary from year to year as Medical Waste Program registrations are on a three-year cycle and include hundreds of facilities.

## Percentage of Permit Applications Received by Division in Fiscal Year 2024

EGLE has five divisions that issue permits and/or licenses.

- The Water Resources Division is responsible for keeping Michigan’s water resources clean and safe. Permits are issued to individual homeowners for things like seawall installation and other protective infrastructure. The division is responsible for ensuring homeowners’ actions do not negatively impact the environment and/or their neighbors.
- The Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division issues permits for new construction of drinking water systems as well as administering EGLE’s pools and campground programs.
- The Materials Management Division issues permits related to the proper disposal of waste.
- The Air Quality Division and Geologic Resources Management Division assure industrial practices are done safely and legally and maintain overall environmental quality and protection of public health.

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*321 staff support permitting efforts across the department.*

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