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TO: Governor Gretchen Whitmer  
 Members of the Michigan Legislature

FROM: Liesl Eichler Clark, Director 

DATE: March 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Report on the Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund

In accordance with Section 324.3124(5) of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, attached is the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) report on the Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund for fiscal year 2021.

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Attachment

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## Legislative Report

# Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund Report

Report Period:  
Fiscal Year 2021

Authority:  
MCL 324.3124(5)

The activities discussed in this report represent the fiscal year (FY) 2021 activities performed in administering the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) Groundwater Discharge Permits Program that were funded by the Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund.

Activity (a):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions</u>
Compliance	5,347	2.6
Enforcement	465	0.2
Permit Issuance	<u>8,650</u>	<u>4.2</u>
Total	14,462	7.0

These figures are based on charges against the groundwater fees only. There were an additional 15.0 FTEs in FY 2021 in the Groundwater Discharge Permits Program that were not funded by the groundwater fees.

Activity (b):

Total applications received:	258
New use applications received:	82
Applications returned as administratively incomplete:	0

Activity (c):

Permits issued:	120
New use permits issued:	38
Applications denied:	0
Applications withdrawn:	13

Activity (d):

Percentage and number issued within 180 days:	49%; 37 of 76
Percentage and number of new use permits issued within 180 days:	68%; 30 of 44

Activity (e):

Number of inspections conducted at groundwater facilities:

Compliance evaluation (detailed) inspections <sup>1</sup> :	41
Other inspections <sup>2</sup> :	85

<sup>1</sup>Includes compliance evaluation inspections, compliance sampling inspections, engineering inspections, and file reviews

<sup>2</sup>Includes reconnaissance inspections, close-out inspections, and termination inspections

Activity (f):

Number of groundwater violation letters sent:	107
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Activity (g):

Civil actions initiated:	0
Civil actions completed:	0
Number of contested case hearings initiated and resolved:	0
Voluntary agreements:	9
Total fines and penalties collected: \$65,563	

Activity (h):

Colored Stone Properties, LLC, Administrative Consent Agreement executed on March 1, 2021. Civil fine of \$5,000 and enforcement costs of \$3,650.

Greenwood Acres, LLC, Administrative Consent Agreement executed on May 15, 2021. Civil fine of \$13,000 and enforcement costs of \$1,411.

The following are administrative settlements entered with the listed entities for expired groundwater permits that included fines and overdue fees:

- Boerman's Mobile Home Village, LLC
- Darling Family and Emmett, LLC
- Dave Hall, Inc.
- Horner Flooring Company, Inc.
- Lakewood Shores Golf Resort, LLC
- Parjana Distributing, LLC
- Turtle Lake Resort, LLC

Activity (i):

Number of groundwater complaints:

Received:	11
Investigated:	11
Resolved:	0
Unresolved:	0

Activity (j):

Amount of revenue in the Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund at the end of FY 2021 was \$463,440.