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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 2023.

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## Legislative Report

# Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund

**Report Period:  
Fiscal Year 2023**

**Authority:  
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The activities discussed in this report represent the fiscal year (FY) 2023 activities performed in administering the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy’s (EGLE) Groundwater Discharge Permit 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	7,975.9	3.8
Enforcement	692.3	0.3
Permit Issuance	<u>12,899.8</u>	<u>6.2</u>
Total	21,568.0	10.3

There were an additional 11.7 FTEs in FY 2023 in the Groundwater Discharge Permit Program that were not funded by the groundwater fees.

Activity (b):

Total applications received:	237
New use applications received:	67
Applications returned as administratively incomplete:	0

Activity (c):

Permits issued:	131
New use permits issued:	45
Applications denied:	0
Applications withdrawn:	12

Activity (d):

Percentage and number issued within 180 days:	65.6%	86 of 131
Percentage and number of new use permits issued within 180 days:	80%	36 of 45

Activity (e):

Number of inspections conducted at groundwater facilities: 274

Compliance evaluation (detailed) inspections <sup>1</sup> :	147
Other inspections <sup>2</sup> :	127

<sup>1</sup>Includes compliance evaluation inspections, compliance sampling inspections [including three toxics only inspections for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)], engineering inspections, and file reviews for Rule 2211 permits only.

<sup>2</sup>Includes reconnaissance inspections, file reviews for all non-Rule 2211 permits (including six PFAS file reviews), close-out inspections, and terminations.

Activity (f):

Number of groundwater violation letters sent: 83

Activity (g):

Civil actions initiated:	0
Civil actions completed:	0
Number of contested case hearings initiated and resolved:	1 initiated
Voluntary agreements:	6
Total fines and penalties collected:	\$27,388.92

Activity (h):

Wexford County Road Commission, Administrative Consent Agreement executed January 24, 2023. Civil fine of \$3,750.

Outdoor Adventures of Kalamazoo, LLC, Administrative Consent Agreement executed March 8, 2023. Civil fine of \$12,150 and enforcement costs of \$3,303.01.

Portage Terrace MHP, LLC, Administrative Consent Agreement executed March 9, 2023. Civil fine of \$7,738.92 and enforcement costs of \$2,025.45.

Moss Ridge Golf Club, Administrative Consent Agreement executed May 30, 2023. Civil fine of \$3,750.

Village of Beulah, Administrative Consent Agreement executed July 19, 2023. Enforcement costs of \$6,644.

City of Benton Harbor, Administrative Consent Agreement executed July 27, 2023. Enforcement costs of \$4,765.95.

Activity (i):

Number of groundwater complaints:

Received:	35
Investigated:	35 (1 high-level inspection, 34 low-level inspections)
Resolved:	0
Unresolved:	0

Activity (j):

Amount of revenue in the Groundwater Discharge Permit Fund at the end of FY 2023 was \$126,720.