

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: September 27, 2023
Permit No.: GW1810271
Designated Site Name: Tuscarora Twp WWTF

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE/Department), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to reissue a permit for a wastewater discharge to Tuscarora Township WWTF for the Tuscarora Township WWTF facility located at 4649 Brudy Road, Indian River, Cheboygan County, Michigan 49749. The applicant proposes to discharge treated sanitary sewage wastewater only to the ground and groundwater. The permit is pursuant to Rule 2218 Authorization of the Part 22 Rules, Groundwater Quality, promulgated under Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 P451, as amended (NREPA), being Sections 324.3101 through 324.3119 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder.

The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously issued permit:

- Permit language has been revised to incorporate updated references and terminology.
- The following monitoring parameters have been added or modified in the draft permit:
 - The draft permit authorizes the discharge of up to 190,000 gpd and 69,350,000 gpy as proposed.
 - Reporting of effluent phosphorus have been changed from a maximum daily limit to a monthly average.
 - Total suspended solids (TSS) and iron have been added to the effluent monitoring.
 - Sodium and chloride limits were changed to 400 mg/L and 500 mg/L respectively.
 - Arsenic has been added to the upgradient and downgradient groundwater monitoring wells.
 - Downgradient monitoring well limits for iron, manganese, and sodium have been updated.
 - The following parameters have been added to the upgradient and downgradient groundwater monitoring wells: Aluminum; Antimony; Lead; Titanium; Beryllium; Thallium; and Vanadium.
- A schedule of compliance has been added to the permit.
- The following new conditions have been added to the draft permit:
 - Michigan Industrial Waste Pretreatment Program
 - Additional Monitoring Requirements

Copies of the permit application, Public Notice, Basis for Decision Memo, and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet at <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/home> (select 'Public Notice Search,' enter the permit number into the search field, and then click 'Search'), or at the WRD's Gaylord District Office located at 2100 West M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735-9282, telephone: (989) 731-4920.

Persons wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing should go to <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/home>, select 'Public Notice Search,' search for this public notice by entering the permit number into the search field, click 'Search,' click 'View,' click 'Add Comment,' enter information into the fields, and then click 'Submit.' Comments or objections to the draft permit received by October 27, 2023, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit, as will comments made at a public hearing should one be held by the Department on the draft permit.

Any person may request the Department to hold a public hearing on the draft permit. The request should include specific reasons for the request, indicating which portions of the draft permit constitute the need for a hearing. If submitted comments indicate significant public interest in the draft permit or if useful information may be produced, the Department may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing on the draft permit.

If a public hearing is scheduled, public notice of the hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance. The hearing will normally be held in the vicinity of the discharge. Inquiries should be directed to Justin Pung, Permits Section, WRD, EGLE, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958; telephone: (517) 449-6678; or e-mail: pungj2@michigan.gov.