

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: March 19, 2021
Permit No.: MI0060283
Designated Site Name: Arbor Preserve WWTP

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to issue a permit to Red Equities, LLC for the Arbor Preserve Wastewater Treatment Plant located northeast of the intersection of West Waters Road and South Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan 48103. The applicant will collect wastewater from a condominium development. The applicant will discharge treated sanitary wastewater to an unnamed tributary to Rouse Drain.

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to an unnamed tributary to Rouse Drain, which will lower the water quality with respect to certain parameters. The permitted discharge shall not cause an exceedance of water quality standards in the receiving water. In accordance with R 323.1098 of the Part 4 Rules, Water Quality Standards, promulgated under Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, the applicant submitted an Antidegradation Demonstration. The WRD proposes that the applicant's Antidegradation Demonstration, based on information required by Subrule (4) of R 323.1098, shows that lowering of water quality is necessary to support the identified important social and economic development in the area. This is solely for purposes of satisfying state water quality regulations and is not intended to supplant local requirements, including land use or zoning laws. It is not, and should not be, construed as a finding by the WRD that the proposed development meets local requirements or ordinances. In addition to the proposed permit, the WRD is proposing to accept the Antidegradation Demonstration as adequate.

Copies of the permit application, Public Notice, Antidegradation Demonstration, Basis for Decision Memo, and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet at <https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us> (select 'Public Notice Search,' enter the permit number into the search field, and then click 'Search'), or you may request copies be mailed to you by contacting Ms. Sherry Thelen at e-mail: ThelenS5@michigan.gov, or telephone: 517-284-5570.

Persons wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing should go to <https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us>, 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 and proposed decision concerning the Antidegradation Demonstration received by April 18, 2021, 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 Tom Braum, Permits Section, WRD, EGLE, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958; telephone: 517-331-7377; or e-mail: BraumT2@michigan.gov.