

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: March 1, 2024
Permit No.: MI0060338
Designated Site Name: Salem Twp USD WWTP

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to issue a permit to Salem Township for the Salem Township Urban Service District Wastewater Treatment Plant to be located at the southwest corner of Napier Road and M-14, Salem, Washtenaw County, Michigan 48175. The applicant will collect wastewater from Salem Township. The applicant will discharge treated municipal wastewater to Fellows Creek.

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to Fellows Creek, 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. In no event may this decision allow water quality to be lowered below the minimum level required to fully support the designated uses. 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, Fact Sheet, Antidegradation Demonstration, Basis for Decision Memo, draft permit, and other relevant documents associated with this proposed permitting action may be obtained via the Internet at <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/> (select 'Public Notice Search,' enter the permit number into the search field, and then click 'Search'), or at the WRD's Jackson District Office located at 301 East Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, MI 49201-1535, telephone: 517-780-7690.

Persons wishing to submit comments on the draft permit should do so through MiEnviro Portal. Go to <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/>, 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 14, 2024**, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit, as will comments made at a public hearing. 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.