

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: August 18, 2022
Permit No.: MI0042676
Designated Site Name: YCUA Regional WWTP

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to reissue a permit to the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority for the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 2777 State Street, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan 48198. The applicant collects wastewater from the City of Ypsilanti, the City of Plymouth, the Western Townships Utilities Authority, and Augusta, Pittsfield, Sumpter, Superior, Van Buren, York, and Ypsilanti Townships. The applicant discharges treated municipal wastewater to the Lower Rouge River, and to Willow Run Creek during emergency conditions.

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 new conditions have been added to the draft permit: Quantification Levels and Analytical Methods for Selected Parameters, Compliance Schedule for Final Effluent Limits for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and/or Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA), and Continuous Monitoring. Effluent limit changes have been made for Ammonia Nitrogen (as N). Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements have been added for Total Silver and Naphthalene. Reporting requirements have been added for Available Cyanide, Chloride, and Sulfate. Effluent limitations for Available Cyanide and Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate have been removed. Monitoring frequency changes have been made for Available Cyanide. The Level Currently Achievable limitation for Total Mercury has been removed. Limitations and monitoring requirements for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) have been added with a requirement to achieve compliance with the PFOS limitation beginning September 1, 2025. The parameter PFOA has been added to the Additional Monitoring Requirements section.

Copies of the permit application, Public Notice, Fact Sheet, Basis for Decision Memo, draft permit, and other relevant documents associated with this proposed permitting action 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 Kendra Preston at email: PrestonK5@michigan.gov, or telephone: 517-245-2090.

Persons wishing to submit comments on the draft permit should do so through MiWaters. 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 received by September 17, 2022, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit, as will comments made at a public hearing should one be requested and 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. Inquiries should be directed to Bradley Popovich, Permits Section, WRD, EGLE, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958; telephone: 517-881-3479; or e-mail: PopovichB@michigan.gov.