

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: August 31, 2020
Permit No.: MI0056723
Designated Site Name: Saddle Ridge Condo-Algoma

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to reissue a permit to the West Michigan Development Company for the Saddle Ridge Condominiums facility located at 2827 Sunset Ridge Court, Rockford, Kent County, Michigan 49341. The applicant collects wastewater from the condominium development. The applicant discharges treated sanitary wastewater and wastewater associated with the production of potable water to a wetland contiguous with the Rogue River.

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: Final Effluent Limitations – Water Treatment Plant, Monitoring Point 002A, Additional Sampling, Intake Screen Backwash, Request for Approval to Use Water Treatment Additives, Quantification Levels and Analytical Methods for Selected Parameters, Monthly Operating Reports – Wastewater Treatment Plant, Asset Management, and Continuous Monitoring. Final effluent limitations and monitoring frequencies for Total Residual Chlorine have been revised. The monitoring frequencies for Total Phosphorus (as P), pH, and Dissolved Oxygen have been revised. Loading limitations for Ammonia Nitrogen (as N) have been revised. Final effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for Monitoring Point 002A for the facility's water treatment plant have been added.

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to the wetland contiguous with the Rogue River, 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 at the WRD's Grand Rapids District Office located at State Office Building, Fifth Floor, 350 Ottawa Ave NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2341, telephone: 616-356-0500.

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 October 30, 2020, 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.