

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: March 26, 2025
Permit No.: GW1810132
Designated Site Name: Andrews University WWTP

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE/Department), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to reissue a permit for a wastewater discharge to Andrews University for the Andrews University WWTP facility located at US 31 North, Berrien Springs, Berrien County, Michigan 49104. The applicant proposes to discharge treated sanitary sewage 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 parameters have been added to the effluent monitoring: total suspended solids (TSS) and total iron.
- The effluent pH limits have been changed to 6.5 – 9.0 S.U.
- Reporting of effluent dissolved oxygen has been changed to “daily minimum”.
- Reporting of effluent total phosphorus levels has been changed to “monthly average”.
- The following parameters have been added to the groundwater monitoring sections: turbidity and total arsenic.
- MW-1 has been separated from the downgradient monitoring wells section.
- The groundwater monitoring limits for chloride and total phosphorus in the downgradient monitoring wells have been changed to 640 mg/L and 1.0 mg/L, respectively.
- The groundwater monitoring limits for nitrate and sodium in the downgradient monitoring wells have been changed to report only.
- A schedule of compliance has been added to the permit.
- A requirement for the one-time sampling of the effluent for Total Metals and Volatile Organic Compounds is required.

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 Kalamazoo District Office located at 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49009-5025, telephone: (269) 567-3500.

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 **April 25, 2025**, 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.