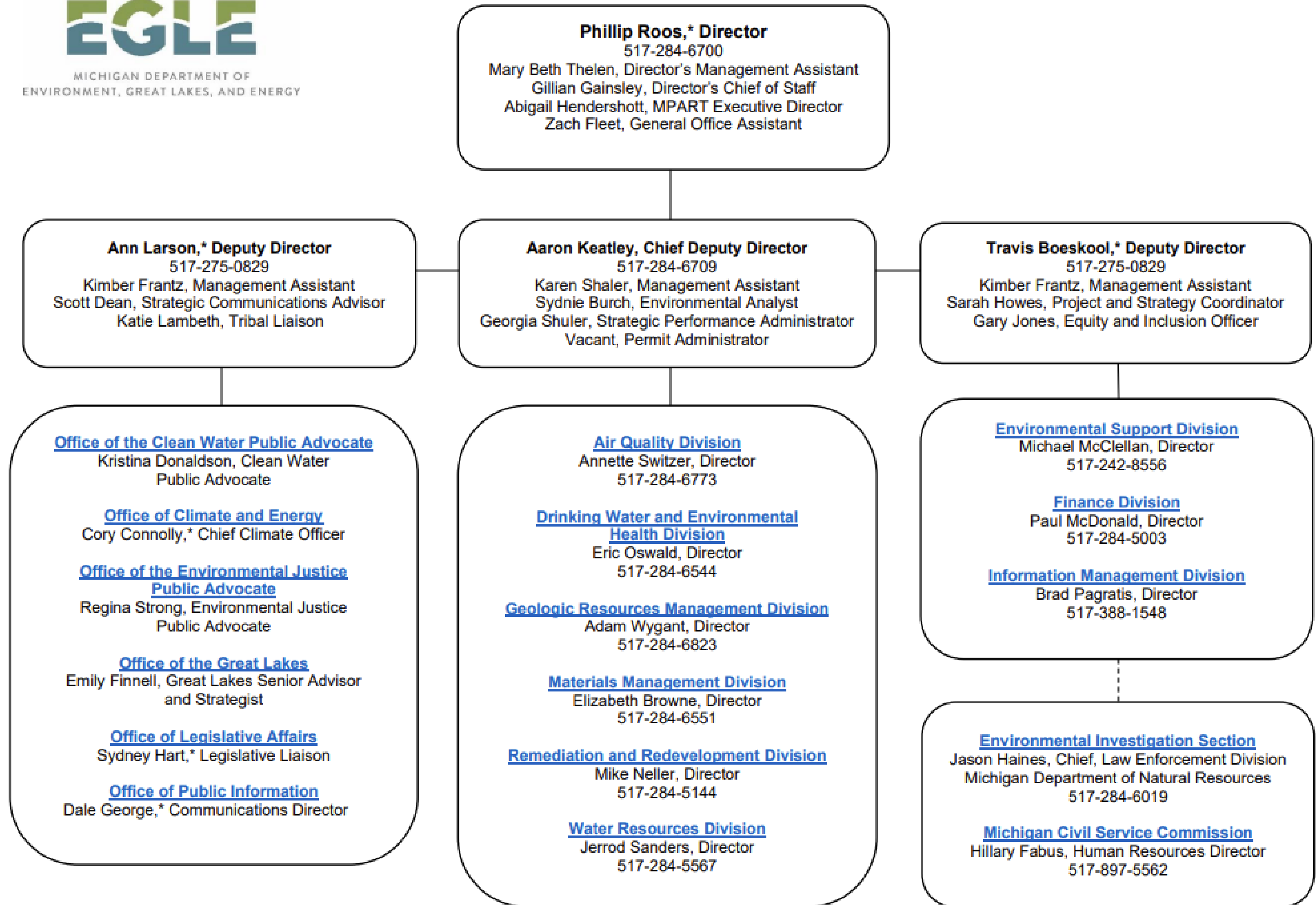


# Constructing/Operating a New Facility?

Let's talk about what Environmental Permits  
you may need and why

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# EGLE Permits



EGLE's mission to protect Michigan's environment and public health by managing air, water, land, and energy resources is supported by environmental permitting. Through permit issuance and oversight, EGLE strives to facilitate environmentally responsible economic growth.

Permits inform the permittee of legally enforceable conditions for operation, as well as reporting requirements, pollution monitoring, and testing requirements. The permit process also informs Michigan citizens of proposed activities affecting the environmental quality of their community. Environmental permits are key to reducing industry's environmental impacts, facilitating compliance with environmental requirements and promoting technological innovation.

## Contact

For questions regarding existing permits, contact the Environmental Assistance Center at [EGLE-Assist@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-Assist@Michigan.gov) or 800-662-9278, or refer to our [Compliance Assistance](#) resources.

[MiEnviro Portal](#)

## NEW BUSINESS AND PERMIT COORDINATION

### Environmental Permit Information Checklists:

Perform an initial evaluation with the [EGLE Permit Information Checklist](#). The checklist contains "yes" and "no" questions to help identify the types of activities at the proposed facility that require permits from EGLE.

Sector Permit Checklists: If your business is specific to the following operations, please utilize the checklist below.

- [Permit Information Checklist for Farming Operations](#)
- [Permit Information Checklist for Schools](#)

### [Michigan Guide to Environmental Regulations](#)

EGLE has developed this Guide to Environmental Regulations to assist Michigan's business, industry, and local governments in navigating the maze of environmental obligations they face. It includes a self-assessment tool that can help identify the regulations that may pertain to your business/operation.

For questions regarding your new facility, contact:

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## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

### PERMIT INFORMATION

[Michigan.gov/EGLEPermits](https://Michigan.gov/EGLEPermits)

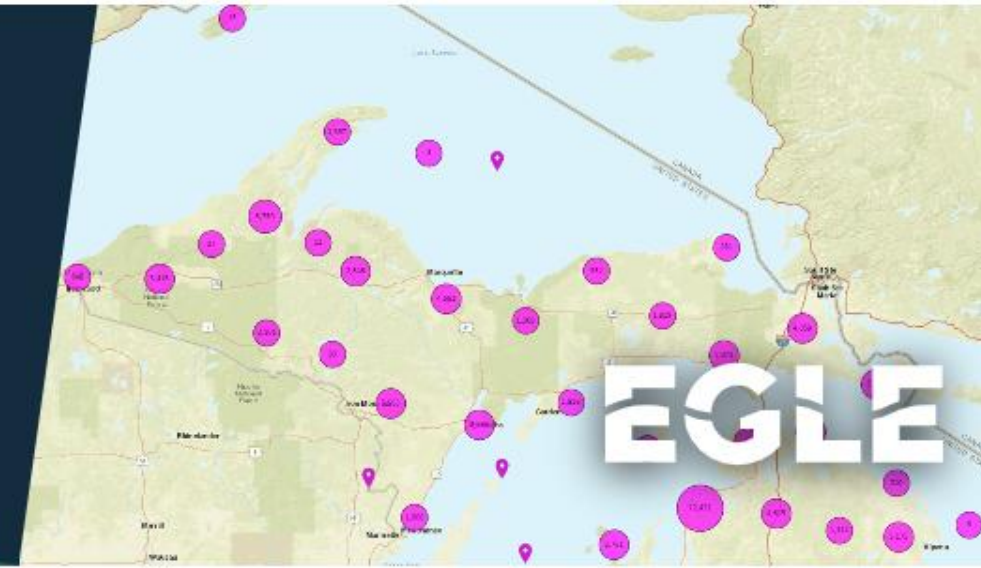
The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has prepared a list of key questions to help identify what EGLE permits, licenses, or approvals of a permit-like nature may be needed. By contacting the appropriate offices indicated, you will help reduce the possibility that your project or activity will be delayed due to the untimely discovery of additional permitting requirements later in the construction process. While this list covers the existence of permits and approvals required from EGLE, it is not a comprehensive list of all legal responsibilities. A useful way to learn whether other requirements will apply is to go through the Self-Environmental Assessment in the Michigan Guide to Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulations, online at: [Michigan.gov/EHSguide](https://Michigan.gov/EHSguide). Please call the Environmental Assistance Center at 800-662-9278 to talk with any of the EGLE programs noted below.

#### How Do I Know that I Need a Construction Permit?

- 1) Will your business involve the installation or construction of any process equipment that has the potential to emit air contaminants (e.g. dry sand blasting, boilers, standby generators)? Air Quality Permit to Install, Air Quality Division (AQD), [Permit Section](#)  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 2) Does the project involve renovating or demolishing all or portions of a building? Notification is required for asbestos removal and required for all demolitions even if the structure never contained asbestos. Asbestos Notification, AQD, [Asbestos Program](#), 517-284-6777  
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 3) Please consult the [Permitting at the Land and Water Interface Decision Tree](#) document to evaluate whether your project needs a land and water management permit (i.e., Does the project involve filling, dredging, placement of structures, draining, or use of a wetland?). Land and Water Featured Programs (Water Resources Division - WRD) - [Joint Permit Application](#), 517-284-5567:
  - a. Does the project involve construction of a building or septic system in a designated Great Lakes high risk erosion area?  
☐ Yes ☐ No
  - b. Does the project involve dredging, filling, grading, or other alteration of the soil, vegetation, or natural drainage, or placement of permanent structures in a designated environmental area?  
☐ Yes ☐ No



# MiEnviro Portal



 > [Maps and Data](#) > [MiEnviro Portal](#)



**Search public  
information**



**Public notices and  
comments**



**Sign in for permitting  
and compliance actions**



**All other actions**

**Report a spill or pollution**

**Report general water-related concerns**

## What is MiEnviro Portal?

### You do NOT need an account to...

- Search for and comment on public notices and hearings
- Report spills, pollution, or other unauthorized activity
- Submit general water-related complaints
- Search for and access publicly available information ([how to use Site Map Explorer](#))
- Find out if your neighbor has a permit
- Search Combined Sewer Overflow/Separate Sewer Overflow (CSO/SSO) discharges

### You DO need an account to...

- Apply for permits, new registrations, and renew existing registrations
- View and print issued permits and registrations
- Manage your permits and pay permit fees
- Submit reports or management plans (required by your permit or certification)
- Review evaluation/site inspections and submit service requests
- Sign up for alerts for public notice postings or updates on your permit application

[Frequently asked questions](#)

[Contact us](#)



## Major State of Michigan Environmental Statutes and Timelines

Applicable Michigan NREPA Provisions	Pre-Application Activity (Permit Coordination Meeting)	Post-submission Decision Process	
Air Discharge, Permit To Install (Part 55)	Regular Pre-Application communication with EGLE is recommended to ensure a complete application is submitted.	240 Days to issue from date of receipt. If not issued, can reapply. (180 days if no public comment period) (If a Public Meeting is required or wanted, 30-day Public Notice prior to the Meeting, and 45-day public comment period after the meeting (30-day is required))	
		<div>75-Day permitting average<sup>1</sup> (without public comment)</div> <div>231-Day permitting average with public comment<sup>1</sup></div>	
Wetlands, Lakes and Streams Joint* Permit Application (Parts 31, 301, 303, 315, 323, 325)	A Pre-Application meeting is recommended for all programs	30-Day administrative completeness review (extends if the application is not complete)	<Public Notice (Public Hearing may be scheduled at this time - if wanted, or required) (10-day notice of the hearing and 10-day comment period after the hearing must be provided) 180 Days to decide
	Environmental Assessment and wetland delineations are required for Part 303		<div>90 Days for EPA review and comment period</div> <div>90 Days to resolve any EPA objections</div> <div>41-Day permitting average</div>
Wastewater Discharge (Part 31)	Hydrogeologic Study required for groundwater permit	30-Day administrative completeness review for surface or ground water	<div>&lt;Public Notice</div> <div>180 Days to decide</div> <div>83-Day permitting average</div>
Water Withdrawal (Part 327)	Regular pre-application communication with EGLE is recommended to ensure a complete application is submitted.	< 2 mgd, decision in 10 days	
		2+ mgd, 30-Day administrative completeness review	<div>&lt;Public Notice</div> <div>120 Days to decide</div>

Consumptive water uses > 5 million gallons per day (mgd) are subject to review and approval by Great Lakes States and Provinces

[GUIDE TO MICHIGAN PROVISIONS UNDER PUBLIC ACT 451 OF 1994 \(NREPA\):](#)  
[Part 31: Water Resource Protection \(incl Floodplains\)](#)  
[Part 55: Air Pollution Control](#)  
[Part 301: Inland Lakes and Streams](#)  
[Part 303: Wetlands Protection](#)  
[Part 315: Dam Safety](#)  
[Part 323: Shorelands Protection and Management](#)  
[Part 325: Great Lakes Submerged Lands](#)  
[Part 327: Great Lakes Protection](#)

\*Please Note: These statutes are necessary for the State of Michigan. To achieve federal approval, applicants must contact the Army Corps of Engineers.

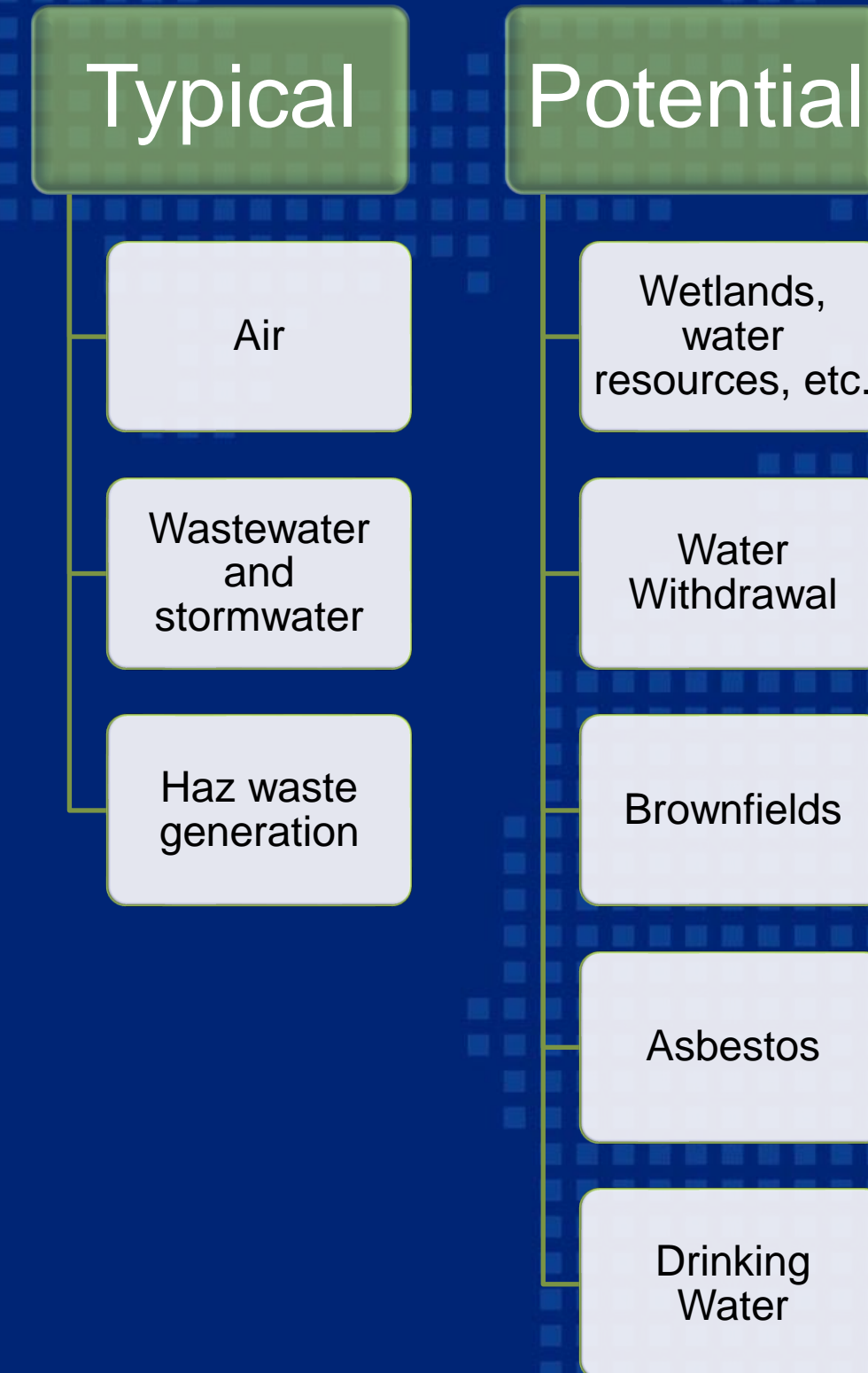
A public hearing for a permit takes place for many reasons, i.e., whether it is mandated due to federal regulations in the case of the permit being subject to Title 5/ROP and therefore required to have a public hearing or for other reasons.

<sup>1</sup>Permit averages excluding any Rule 206 extensions

# What can you expect from us?

A **simple ~5 step process** with **ongoing communication** at each step.

1. Pre-application meeting (*voluntary*)
2. Application submittal
3. Review for administrative completeness
4. Formal review of application begins
5. Public Notice/Comment (*if required*)
6. Decision



# EGLE is Committed to Customer Service

- Increased **permitting capacity** by nearly 15% since '19.
- Began to **streamline** permitting into a single database (MiEnviro) and **modernize IT**.
- Expanded project **concierge services** and established **permit coordinators**.
- Increased **permitting education offerings** and created tools (i.e., Permit Checklist) to help permittees.
- **Enhanced coordination** with other state agencies.
- Implemented **lean process improvements**.
- Acted on executive directives to **expedite** permitting and increase **accountability**.

95% permits  
approved

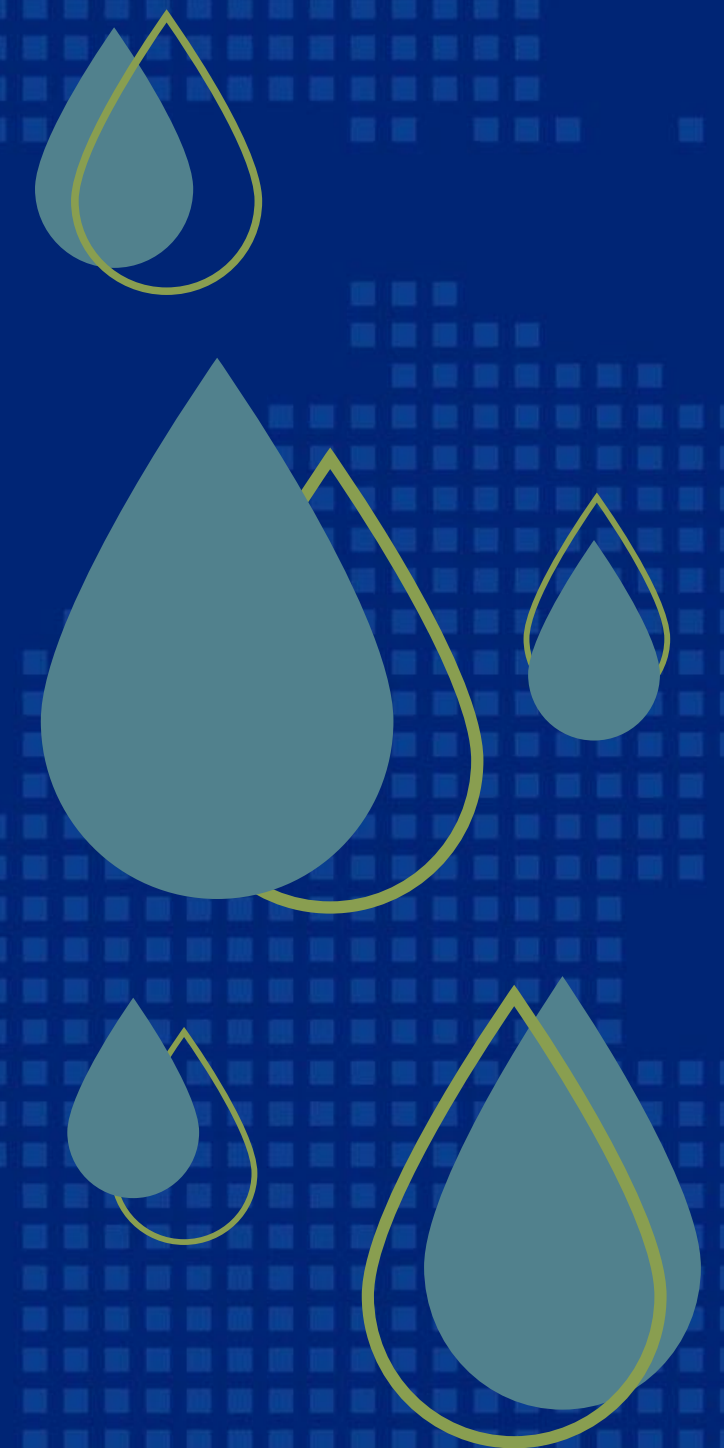
<1% water  
resource  
permits denied

~27,000  
permitting  
actions  
annually



# Wetlands, Lakes, and Streams Joint Permit

- Shoots for **3 months** for wetlands permits. Statutory permit review and processing timeframes (typically 3-6 months). Prioritizes review of transformational projects to **expedite processing**. Has a **<1% denial rate**.
- Is **one of three states** with a streamlined, combined process for state and federal wetland, inland lakes and streams, and floodplain authorizations. Offers flexibility to find **creative solutions**.
- Offers **exceptional customer service** including but not limited to:
  - "big project" specific staff and management contacts,
  - on-site and off-site **pre-application meetings**,
  - facilitates wetland mitigation banking options, and
  - state **wetland delineations and verifications** that provide certainty on on-site wetlands for 3-years.



# Air Permit to Install

- Issues permits in **3 to 6 months**. Prioritizes review of transformational projects to **expedite processing**.
- Has a **centralized air permitting** program which increases consistency, coordination, and speed.
- **Strong relationship with U.S. EPA Region V**, which streamlines the review and processing of permit applications\*.
- **Requires no fees** for applications.
- Allows certain projects\* to **begin construction** once an application has been submitted and is under review.
- Offers **exceptional customer service** including but not limited to:
  - Pre-application meetings locally and in Lansing, and
  - "big project" specific staff and management contacts.





# Helpful Information

- Michigan [Guide](#) to Environmental Regulations
- EGLE Permit Information [Checklist](#)
- MI Enviro [Portal](#)
- Consultant [Directory](#), Compliance Assistance
- Michigan Attainment [Map](#)
- Pre-application [meetings](#) for wetland and drain related permits



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