

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF

DRAFT PERMIT, PUBLIC MEETING, AND PUBLIC HEARING

Date: August 3, 2026
Permit No.: MI0022802
Designated Site Name: GLWA WRRF

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to reissue a permit to the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Great Lakes Water Authority for the Great Lakes Water Authority Water Resource Recovery Facility located at 9300 West Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan 48209. The applicants collect wastewater from the City of Detroit and municipal entities within Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties. The applicant discharges treated municipal wastewater to the Detroit River and the Rouge River, and treated combined sewage to the Detroit River, the Rouge River, and Conner Creek.

A hybrid in-person and virtual public meeting and hearing with EGLE-WRD will be held to seek public input on the proposed reissuance of the permit. During the public meeting, EGLE-WRD will briefly explain the proposed permit and answer questions. Following the public meeting, the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the proposed permit during the public hearing. The public meeting and hearing will be held on **September 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Kemeny Recreation Center located at 2260 South Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48217.

To attend the public meeting and hearing virtually, register at <https://bit.ly/WRD09032026>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have internet access and would like to join by PHONE ONLY please use the following phone number: 855-758-1310 and use meeting ID 875 2592 2116#. Pre-registration is not required to attend. Individuals interested in participating can click the link above at the start of the event (5:30 p.m.).

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 Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS); PFAS Data Reporting Requirements; Total Phosphorus Evaluation; and Continuous Monitoring. The following conditions have been removed from the draft permit: Interim Effluent Limitations, Monitoring Point 050A; Pollutant Minimization and Source Evaluation Program for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and/or Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA); and Collection System Contingency Plan. The following changes have been made at Monitoring Point 049F: reporting requirements for Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD₅), ammonia nitrogen, available cyanide, and PFOS have been revised; the monitoring frequencies for total copper, available cyanide, and PFOS have been revised; final effluent limitations for total copper, total selenium, and PFOS have been added; monthly reporting requirements for chloride and sulfate have been added; and reporting requirements for PFOA have been removed. The following changes have been made at Monitoring Point 049A: reporting requirements for ammonia nitrogen have been revised; and the loading limit for total mercury has been revised. The following

changes have been made at Monitoring Point 049B: reporting requirements for ammonia nitrogen have been revised; and the monitoring frequency for total mercury has been revised. The following changes have been made at Monitoring Point 050A: the monitoring frequency for total copper has been revised; monthly reporting requirements for chloride and sulfate have been added; final effluent limits for acute and chronic toxicity, total antimony, total cadmium, and total bromomethane have been added; the final effluent limit for has been removed and a monthly reporting requirement has been added for available cyanide. Monitoring and reporting requirements for the authorized discharges from the permittees' retention treatment basins and screening and disinfection facilities have been revised.

The final effluent limitations for total mercury are 25 nanograms per liter (ng/l) at Monitoring Point 049A and 3.0 ng/l at Monitoring Point 049B, which are the discharge-specific level currently achievable based on a multiple discharger variance (MDV) from the water quality-based effluent limit of 1.3 ng/l, pursuant to R 323.1103(9) 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 discharge-specific level currently achievable for total mercury was developed in accordance with the WRD's approved MDV. A copy of the MDV may be obtained via the Internet at <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/water-resources/npdes> (under About NPDES, select Applicable Rules and Regulations), or at the WRD's Warren District Office.

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://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 Warren District Office located at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, MI 48092-2793, telephone: 586-753-3700.

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 may also be provided during the public hearing. Comments or objections to the draft permit received by **September 10, 2026**, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit, as will comments made during the public hearing. Inquiries should be directed to Tom Braum, Permits Section, WRD, Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958; telephone: 517-331-7377; or e-mail: BraumT2@Michigan.gov.

Individuals needing language assistance or accommodations for effective participation at the meeting or hearing should contact Joel Roseberry at RoseberryJ@michigan.gov or 517-599-9494 by August 20, 2026 to request language, mobility, visual, hearing, translation, and/or other assistance.