

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: May 16, 2017
Permit No.: MI0042676
Designated Site Name: YCUA Regional WWTP

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to reissue a permit to Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority for the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 2777 State Road, Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan 48198-911. The applicant collects and treats municipal 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.

The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously-issued permit: Daily concentration and/or loading reporting requirements have been added for Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total Suspended Solids, Ammonia Nitrogen (as N), Total Phosphorus (as P), and Fecal Coliform Bacteria; these reporting requirements are included to support the MiWaters Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) system requirements. Effluent limitations for Available Cyanide and Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate have been added. The concentration and loading daily maximum effluent limitation for Ammonia Nitrogen (as N) for the month of April has been changed. Required Total Mercury-related quality assurance samples are now identified in the final effluent limitations table. Conditions for Asset Management and Discharge Monitoring Report – Quality Assurance Study Program have been added. Language has been added to the condition: Discharges from Other Outfalls. New storm water pollution prevention requirements have been added that will necessitate updates to the permittee's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that are due within six months of the permit's effective date. The final effluent limitation for total mercury has been changed to 2.0 nanograms per liter (ng/l), which is 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 (WQS), promulgated under Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Copies of the permit application, public notice, fact sheet, 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 or site name in the search field, and then click 'Search'), or at the WRD's Jackson District Office located at 301 East Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, MI, 49201-1535, 49201-1535; 517-780-7690.

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, click 'View,' click 'Add Comment,' enter information into the fields, and then click 'Submit.' Inquiries should be directed to Jessica Stiles, Permits Section, WRD, DEQ, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958; 517-284-5590; or stilesj1@michigan.gov.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by June 15, 2017, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit.

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 <http://www.michigan.gov/deqnpdes> (select Applicable Rules and Regulations), or at the WRD's Jackson District Office.