

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: August 29, 2025  
Permit No.: MI0059203  
Designated Site Name: DTE-Electric Manholes & Vaults

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), proposes to reissue a permit to DTE Electric Company for the DTE-Electric Manholes and Vaults facility located at One Energy Plaza, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan 48226. The applicant discharges electrical manhole vault dewatering water to various locations around the State of Michigan.

**The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously issued permit:** The condition to conduct a reused filter sock effectiveness program was removed as it was satisfactorily completed. The maximum authorized discharge volume has been increased. 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 and Short-Term Waste Characterization Study – Total Zinc and Total Copper.

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to various locations around the State of Michigan, 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. In no event may this decision allow water quality to be lowered below the minimum level required to fully support the designated uses. 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, 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 or objections

to the draft permit and proposed decision concerning the Antidegradation Demonstration received by September 28, 2025, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit, as will comments made at a public hearing should one be requested and 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. Inquiries should be directed to Colleen Palmiter, Permits Section, WRD, EGLE, P.O. Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958; telephone: 517-599-2795; or e-mail: [PalmiterC2@michigan.gov](mailto:PalmiterC2@michigan.gov).