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To Whom It May Concern:

**SUBJECT:** Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)  
Site-Specific Review Determination Letter Copy

Please note that you are receiving a copy of this Site-Specific Review Determination Letter because EGLE is required to notify all of the following parties within a watershed where the registration of either a Zone B cold-transitional or Zone C withdrawal has been approved: registered water users, water use permit holders, local government officials, conservation districts, regional planning agencies, watershed management planning committees, storm water committees, water users committees, and community water supplies.

As such, you may wish to establish or be included in a local water users committee to address any issues related to withdrawals within the watershed. Any questions regarding the establishment of a water users committee should be directed to Hannah Arnett, Permits Section, Geologic Resources Management Division (GRMD), at 517- 599-9767 or email to ArnettH2@Michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

James F. Milne, Supervisor  
Water Use Assessment Unit  
Geologic Resources Management Division  
517-285-3253

Enclosure



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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Ben Chaffin:

**SUBJECT:** Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)  
Site-Specific Review (SSR) 10053-20261-24

This letter is in response to your request for an SSR for a large quantity water withdrawal located in Section 10 of New Haven Township, Town 10N, Range 04W, Gratiot County. Under Part 327, Great Lakes Preservation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), all new large quantity withdrawals are prohibited from causing an adverse resource impact (ARI) to the surface waters of the state.

EGLE examined all reasonably available information and determined that the withdrawal is **not likely** to cause an **ARI**, and you are hereby authorized to proceed with making the withdrawal. However, the withdrawal has been verified as a Zone C withdrawal in the Pine River watershed (ID 20999), which is classified as a warm stream. Please be advised that this determination is a presumption contingent upon the withdrawal conditions specified below and may be rebutted by a preponderance of evidence that the withdrawal has caused, or is causing, an ARI.

Based on information provided through the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool and staff discussions with you and your representative, the proposed withdrawal is registered with the following parameters:

Source:	Groundwater
Location	
Latitude:	43.2749°
Longitude:	-84.7677°
Capacity:	500 gallons per minute
Pumping Frequency:	Intermittent
Months:	June – August
Days per Week:	5
Hours per Day:	12
Depth to the Top of the Screen Interval:	20 feet

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The registration number is Reg. 10053-20261-24; a copy of the registration receipt is enclosed. Please be aware that you, or your well driller, should contact your local environmental health department to obtain all necessary authorizations or permits prior to installing the well. If the actual construction or operation characteristics for this withdrawal vary from what is registered, please contact Garrett Link, Groundwater and Geological Services Section (GGSS), Geologic Resources Management Division (GRMD), at 517-930-9760 or email to [LinkG@Michigan.gov](mailto:LinkG@Michigan.gov), to obtain approval to proceed pursuant to Subsection 32706b(5) of Part 327. This well must be constructed, and the withdrawal made operational by installing the pump within 18 months of the date on the registration receipt.

Subsection 32706c(7) of Part 327 states that the property owner receiving a Zone C withdrawal SSR determination may register the withdrawal and proceed to make the withdrawal *if* the property owner self-certifies that he or she is implementing applicable environmentally sound and economically feasible water conservation measures. The full version of these water conservation measures specific to your sector are available for review on the [Water Use Program Website](#) in the Information Section under the heading, ["Water Use Conservation Measures."](#) EGLE has enclosed a summary form of these measures in checklist format labeled, "Environmentally Sound and Economically Feasible Water Conservation Measures."

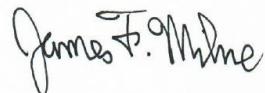
Please complete and mail this form within 30 days of receipt of this letter to Hannah Arnett, EGLE-GRMD, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756, to self-certify reasonable conservation measures and finish the registration process. You will also need to self-certify that these measures are being followed when you submit your annual report to either EGLE or the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) that is due on April 1, each year, pursuant to Sections 32707 and 32708 of the NREPA.

Per Subsection 32725(2) of Part 327, EGLE is required to notify all registrants, permit holders, and local government officials within the watershed about the registration of the withdrawal and their authority to establish a water users committee. Please be advised that this letter is provided as formal notification from EGLE. Any questions regarding the establishment of a water users committee should be directed to Hannah Arnett, Geologic Resources Management Division (GRMD), at 517-599-9767 or email to [ArnettH2@Michigan.gov](mailto:ArnettH2@Michigan.gov).

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 517-285-3253 or by email at MilneJ@Michigan.gov.

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Enclosures

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