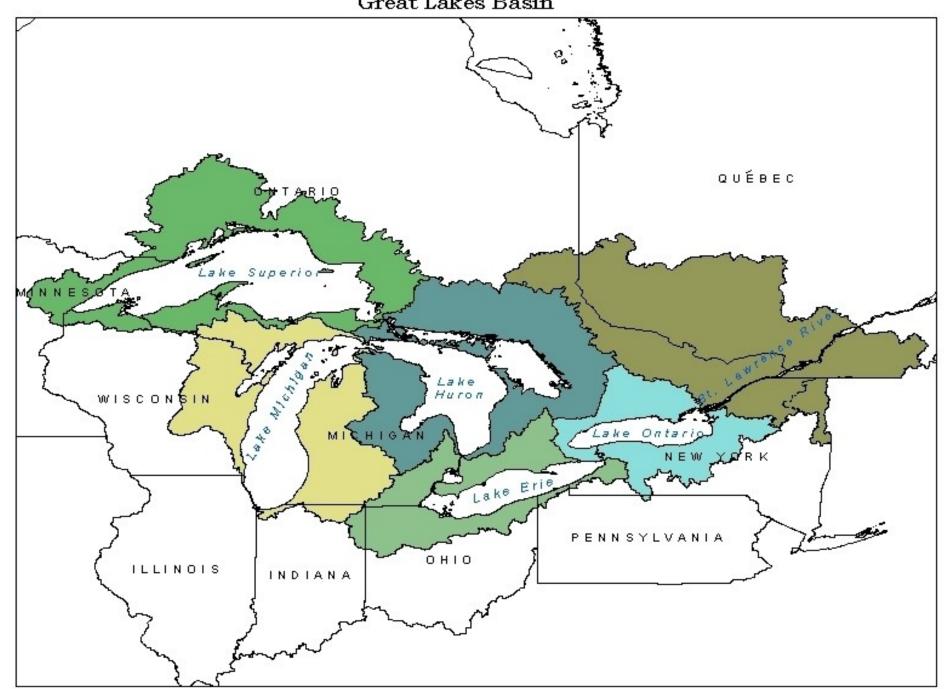
Water Use Reporting Background and Changes for 2012-2013

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A Brief History of WUR in MI

- December 13, 2005 Annex 2001 of the Great Lakes Compact Agreement signed by Great Lakes Governors and Premiers
 - provides protections for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin
 - includes a ban on new diversions of water outside the Basin
 - stipulates that each State will create a program for the management and regulation of new or increased large withdrawals to ensure an effective and efficient water management program

Great Lakes Basin



A Brief History of WUR in MI

- Michigan's Solution: All Water Users having a capacity to withdraw water quantities averaging 100,000 gallons per day (70 gallons/ minute) must report use on an annual basis to:
 - Agricultural user to MDEQ or MDARD. No fee if reporting to MDARD
 - All other industries to MDEQ with an associated fee.
 - New proposed wells/ pumps must now consult the WWAT (www.miwwat.org) prior to installation and subsequent reporting.

What is the WWAT?

- The WWAT is <u>one tool</u> to measure potential Adverse Resource Impacts (ARIs) on characteristic fish populations based on a formula calculating decreased index flow of a defined surface water type resulting in a percentage reduction in either a characteristic or thriving fish population in that particular surface water.
- In other words, it "forecasts" when a fish population can no longer succeed because of a reduced amount of water that may result from increased wihtdrawals

What does the WWAT NOT do?

- The tool cannot assess potential impacts of a new/ increased large capacity well's drawdown (i.e. cone of depression) on neighboring wells.
- When installing a new large capacity well you should also take into account potential impacts your large capacity wells may have on smaller capacity domestic wells (another topic for another day).

Disclaimer!!

- Note that this is a very brief synopsis of a very complicated definition for ARI.
- For the specific language of this definition of ARI, please consult the legislation (Part 327, Act 451 of 1994, as amended).
- For an excellent layman's overview of the WWAT and ARI's consult the Michigan Farm Bureau's *Water* Resource Guide

WUR Program Snippets

- 2011: 1386 agricultural operations reported
- 2011: 6,217 individual pumps
- Maintain records for more than 2400 individual LQW users reporting 12,000 pumps
- Since 2004, the number of individual reports has ranged from a low of 1076 (2005) to 1542 (2008).

WUR Program Snippets - 2011

Pump Water Source	
Pond Supplied by Well	246
Surface Water	1595
Groundwater	4376

A thing of the Past: Paper Forms

2011 WATER USE CONSERVATION PLAN

Required under Part 327 of P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended, MCL 324.32708

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Why On-Line Reporting?

- Transferring data from paper forms is very labor intensive
- Each time data is transferred presents an opportunity for error – the current database is limited in ability to check for discrepancies and redundancy
- Cuts duplication of effort in reporting i.e. need only report pump name, Lat/Long, other specifications once.
- Puts the onus on the water user for consistency in reporting from year to year
- Ties into the WWAT Registration process
- Will save time in reporting in the long run.
 - The first year of uploading info may be time consuming.

A Potential Concern

- A number of farmers have no access to or little knowledge of computers
 - This first year a limited number of paper forms will be sent out by request only. Forms will not be posted.
 - To have the new system work, it will be mandatory for future (2013) reporting
- Producers without computer access or needing technical assistance may seek assistance from participating local County Conservation Districts and MSUE (call in advance!!)

Timeline

- On-line database is now available to report for the 2012 season – http://www.deq.state.mi.us/wur
- Trainings will be scheduled as needed/ requested around the state until April 1st.
 - Looking for opportunities to provide assistance.
 - Encourage you to incorporate into local trainings
- Letters have gone out to LQW users with <u>a tutorial</u>.
- We will post updates on the MDARD site: http://www.michigan.gov/waterusereporting.

A couple of things to keep in mind:

• There are potential penalties for not reporting water use as required. The state can seek an injunction to stop all water withdrawals, can impose a \$1,000 fine, and can recover the costs of surveillance and enforcement.

 We do not want to enforce penalties – our objective is to locate all large capacity agricultural water users to help bring them into compliance.

A couple of things to keep in mind (cont'd):

• A single pump cannot be reported by more than one producer. Only one producer can assume responsibility to report on a particular pump even if a pump and associated field is shared/rotated among more than one producer from year to year. A pump cannot be submitted to the database under more than one user/record.

Water Use Reporting On-line Overview

http://www.deg.state.mi.us/wur/

http://35.8.121.111/wur/

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xYhTq4pAaU

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Welcome to the Michigan Online Water Use Reporting System

For agricultural producers, click the logo to the right to report to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development



For all other facilities, click the logo to the right to report to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality





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Please fill out contact information. All the fields with * are required.

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*Mailing Address:	
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Contact Information

Farm Information

Link to Historical Data

Enter Farm Information



Since this is the first time you are reporting through the new system you must provide information about your farm(s) and pump(s). Please add your farm(s) using the form below. All the fields with * are required.

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*City:	
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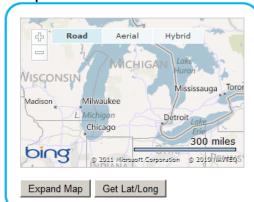
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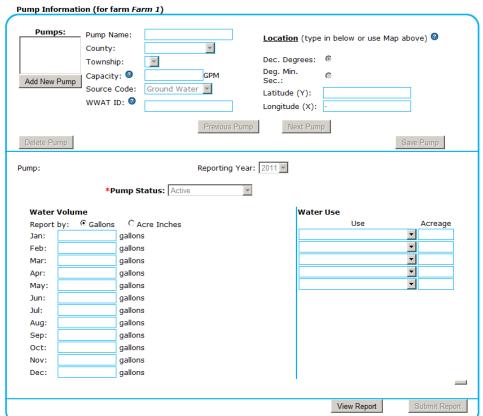
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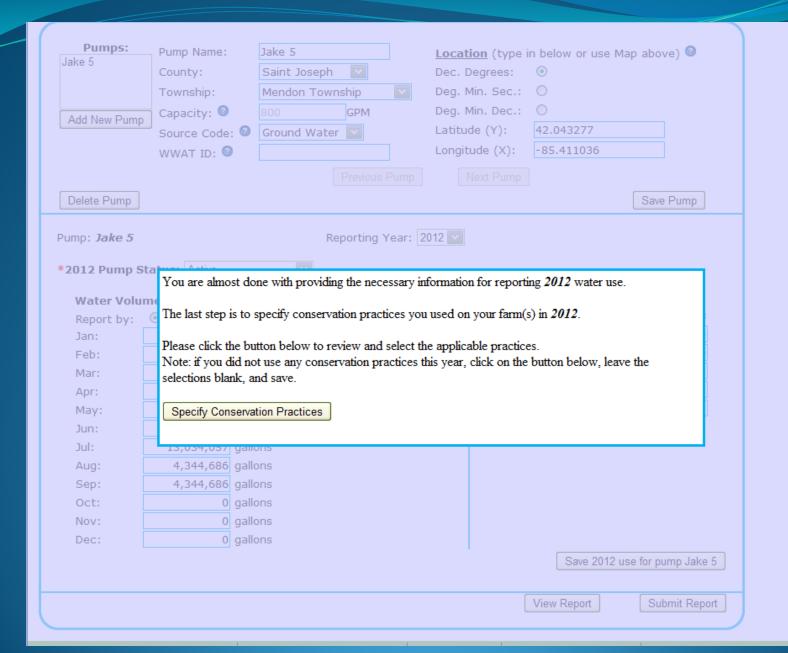


Michigan.gov Home MDA Home | Contact MDA | Logout **Farm Information** Farms: Farm Name: Farm 1 Street Address: 1234 Main St Farm 2 City: Anytown State: Michigan Add New Farm 48555 Next Farm Delete Farm Save Farm





Pump Information (for farm Go To Farm) Pumps: Jake 5 Pump Name: Location (type in below or use Map above) Saint Joseph Dec. Degrees: County: Mendon Township Deg. Min. Sec.: Township: Deg. Min. Dec.: Capacity: @ Add New Pump Latitude (Y): 42.043277 Source Code: @ Ground Water Longitude (X): WWAT ID: 0 -85.411036 Previous Pump Next Pump New pump added Delete Pump Save Pump Pump: Jake 5 Reporting Year: 2012 *2012 Pump Status: Active **Water Volume** Water Use Acre Inches (total irrigated acres) Acreage* Use Report by: O Gallons -Corn, seed Inches: 140 Jan: Acres: -Soybeans 20 Feb: Acres: Inches: Inches: Mar: Acres: Inches: Apr: Acres: 2,172,343 gallons May: Acres: 160 Inches: * Acreage is only required for irrigation Jun: Acres: 160 Inches: 4,344,686 gallons uses. 3 13,034,057 gallons Jul: Acres: 160 Inches: Inches: 4,344,686 gallons Aug: Acres: 160 Inches: 2,172,343 gallons Sep: Acres: 160 Oct: Acres: Inches: Nov: Acres: Inches: Inches: Dec: Acres: Save 2012 use for pump Jake 5 Inches for May acres must be numeric View Report Submit Report



2010 WATER USES AND CONSERVATION PRACTICES (Submitted in accordance with P. A. 451 of 1994, MCL 324.32708)

Conservation Practices Implemented

The Water Use Reporting Law requires farms reporting their water use to the MDA to include applicable water conservation practices, and an implementation plan for those practices. Please check all boxes that represent conservation practices used on your farm. The practices listed are found in the Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPS) for Irrigation Water Use. For more information, please visit http://michigan.gov/mda. Click on Farming; next, click on Environment; and then click on GAAMPs.

Reporting Year: 2012

System Management

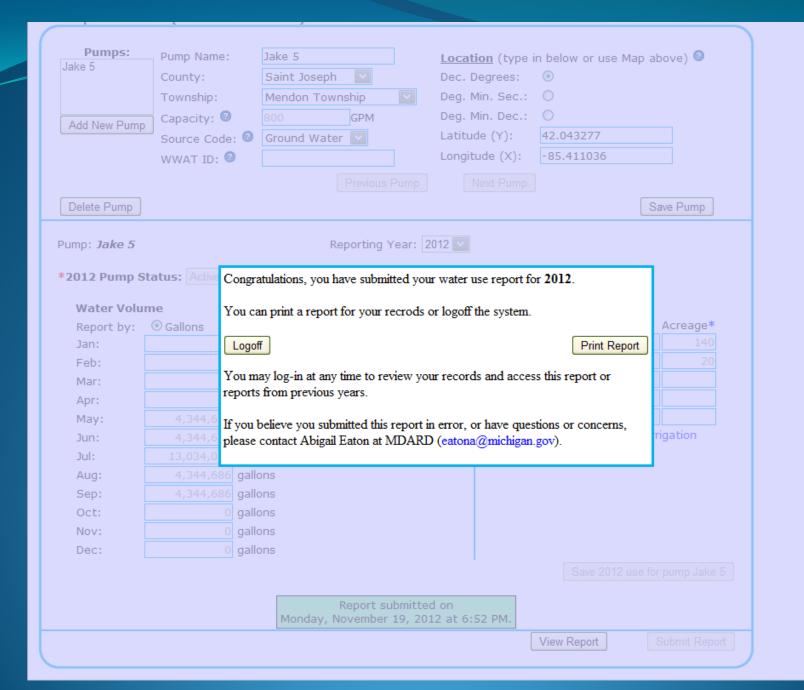
- Determine all water applications accurately
- Monitor pumping plant efficiency
- Evaluate the irrigation system uniformity
- Maintain the irrigation system in good working condition
- Operate sprinkler systems to minimize drift and off-target application
- ☑ Ensure sprinkler nozzle/drip applicator flow rates are matched to the infiltration rate of the soil

Record Keeping

- ▼ For each crop irrigated, keep records on the crop type and location
- Keep records on the source of the water used
- Record date and amount of each irrigation water application
- Keep records on all system inspections and repairs that influence uniformity and leaks
- Regularly calibrate fertigation and chemigation equipment, if used, and maintain records
- Keep records of the results each time the sprinkler system uniformity is evaluated

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Questions?

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