



REGION 5

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Grant of Water Quality Certification Without Conditions

Saganing Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant

Permit No. MI-0058582-2

The Saganing Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located within the trust property owned by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Standish, Michigan, Arenac County. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 5 is issuing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. MI-0058582-2, under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), authorizing the discharge from the Saganing Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant. The discharge from this facility is located within the trust property owned by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Arenac County. The receiving water for the discharge is an unnamed tributary to Saginaw Bay of Lake Huron.

The State in which the discharge originates is responsible for issuing the CWA Section 401 certification pursuant to CWA Section 401(a)(1). When a NPDES permit is issued within Indian Country, the Tribe is the certifying authority where the Tribe has been approved by EPA for Treatment as a State (TAS) pursuant to CWA Section 518(e) and 40 C.F.R. § 131.8. Where a Tribe does not have TAS, EPA is the certifying authority. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe does not have TAS for the reservation where the discharge occurs. Therefore, EPA is responsible for issuing the CWA Section 401 Certification for this permit.

EPA hereby certifies that the discharge, as authorized by the NPDES permit for the Saganing WWTP will comply with applicable water quality requirements, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 121.1(j).

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