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FROM:  James M. Kasprzak, Chief, Administration Division

DATE: October 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Report on Aquatic Nuisance Control Program

In accordance with Section 401 of Part 2, Article VII, of 2013 PA 59, attached is the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) report on additional funding for the Aquatic Nuisance Control Program for fiscal year 2014.

If you need further information, please contact Phil Argiroff, Chief, Permits Section, Water Resources Division, at 517-290-3039; or you may contact me at 517-284-5004.

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Boilerplate Report

Section 401 of Part 2, Article VII, of 2013 PA 59
Additional Funding for the Aquatic Nuisance Control Program
Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report

The excerpt below is from Section 401 of Part 2, Article VII, of 2013 PA 59, for the Water Resources Division.

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

Sec. 401 From the funds appropriated in part 1 for surface water, not less than \$700,000.00 and 5.0 FTEs shall be allocated to support the permit review program within the aquatic nuisance control program. The department shall report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on environmental quality and the house and senate fiscal agencies by September 30, 2014 on the use of this funding and the number of permit applications processed by the program in 2014.

The following addresses the requirements included above:

- The Water Resources Division spent approximately \$775,555 to support 5.3 FTEs for aquatic nuisance control (ANC) activities during fiscal year 2014.
- The ANC Program issues permits for the application of chemicals to lakes and ponds in order to control nuisance aquatic plants. ANC Program staff ensure that there is a balance between the property owner's ability to use the resource and the Department of Environmental Quality's need to protect the natural resources.
- During fiscal year 2014, ANC staff issued approximately 1,550 permits and 1,112 Certificates of Coverage and processed approximately 101 amendments.