

Maintenance Memorandum

Date: October 1, 1998

Subject: **Roadside Park Closures - 1998-99 Winter Season**

As in past years, we would like a uniform statewide approach for the closure of roadside parks for the winter, particularly with the dates parks are to be closed, types of barricade and barricade location.

If you intend to keep a park open, please make sure it is properly maintained throughout the entire winter season. Properly maintained includes regular cleaning of the toilet structures (cleaning bowls, replenishing paper, etc.), and shoveling the path(s) from the parking areas to the building as necessary. Also, it will be necessary to keep the ramps and parking lots free from snow accumulation.

For those parks that will be kept partially open (i.e., toilet buildings closed), the restrooms should be blocked off so no one can enter them and a sign placed across the entrance indicating the building is closed. The parking lots at these areas must also be kept free from snow accumulation. It will probably be necessary to empty the trash barrels in these areas as the traveling public will be depositing refuse on a regular basis.

All vault tanks should be pumped out and recharged (per attached instructions) for next spring prior to closing this fall. If you need additional quantities of the EV-71 (vault chemical), please order direct from Great Lakes Specialties 1-800-922-3820. This product is not a warehouse item and there is no purchase order available.

All of the roadside parks should be closed and reopened in accordance with the following schedule unless local conditions require that the parks remain open a longer period of time.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Date closed*</u>	<u>Date Reopened</u>
Superior Region	October 30, 1998	April 26, 1999
North, Grand, Bay Southwest and University	October 30, 1998	April 12, 1999

***Except where park is used during deer season, then close by December 4, 1998**

All parks are to be closed as per the attached specifications and diagrams. Please provide this information to the counties if they will be performing the necessary work.

All parks should be opened by the dates indicated above, unless snow accumulation prevents their reopening. In such cases, the park(s) should be opened at the earliest possible date.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Wheeler at (517) 322-3314.

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Attachments

“Vault Toilet Chemical Needs”; 1 pg.

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**VAULT TOILET CHEMICAL NEEDS
FOR EVAP-EV-71 FOR ONE YEAR**

1. After tank is pumped dry, add approximately 2 inches of fresh water to cover bottom of tank.
2. Start up requires 2 quarts of product per 1,000 gallon tank.
3. There are two 1,000 gallon tanks typical at each park, so four quarts or one gallon is needed at the beginning of each season.
4. The park is open approximately 30 weeks per season.
5. Specifications for EV-71 recommends an application rate of one quart every three weeks, so: 30 weeks open/1 quart every three weeks = 10 quarts per season for each vault.
6. There are two vaults, so: 2 x 10 quarts = 20 quarts or 5 gallons, per season for the park.
7. During the season, both vaults may need to be pumped and another recharge application will be needed. According to above, one gallon will be needed per season.

TOTALS PER PARK PER SEASON

START-UP	DURING SEASON	RECHARGE		
1 gal.	5 gallons	1 gallon	=	Approx. 7 gallons

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROADSIDE PARK CLOSURE GATES AND GATE LOCATION

