

Registration Form Michigan Agricultural Water Use Reporting

Under the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended) farms with the capacity to withdraw over 100,000 gallons of water per day during any 30-day period for an agricultural purpose are required to register and report their water withdrawals on an annual basis.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Is the total pumping capacity for all ground water and surface water pumps on your farm greater than 100,000 gallons per day for any 30-day period (e.g. do all pumps combined have the capacity to pump more than 70 gallons per minute)? Do not include pumps that are used solely to supply domestic water for your homestead.

_____ Yes (continue to question 2) _____ No (skip question 2, sign and return the form)

2. If you answered yes to question one, please check which one of the following two reporting options you would prefer:

_____ Register with this form to report to the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) and submit a water withdrawal reporting form, called an "Agricultural Water Use Conservation Plan," by January 31st of each year. No filing fee is required with this form. The MDA will combine your reported information with other reporting farms in your township and submit the totals by township to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

_____ Register with this form and report directly to the MDEQ by submitting a standard water use reporting form and \$100.00 filing fee each year by April 1. This information will be recorded for your individual farm instead of being aggregated into a township total.

We recommend that you review sample reporting forms from both the MDA and MDEQ to assist you in preparing for your filing of completed reports in 2005. The actual reporting forms will be sent to you in late 2004 at the address you list below.

Please complete the information below, sign, date and return it to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Water Use Reporting Program, Environmental Stewardship Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909 or by FAX to (517)-335-3329. Thank you for your cooperation.

_____ Print Name _____ Date

_____ Signature

_____ Address

_____ City, State, Zip

_____ email