DID YOU SEE A SPILL OR ILLEGAL DUMPING?

Report It! Call 1-800-292-4706

The Pollution Emergency Alerting System (PEAS) serves to receive information about environmental incidents into the DEQ, via the hotline 1-800-292-4706, and to distribute that information to appropriate staff internally, as well as to contacts in partner agencies, such as Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Michigan State Police (MSP), and Michigan Department of Human Services (MDCH), etc.

PEAS has been in operation since 1975, including its 24-hour toll-free hotline. The PEAS hotline should be used to report environmental pollution emergencies such as tanker accidents, pipeline breaks, and releases of reportable quantities of hazardous substances as well as other types of environmental emergencies for which the DEQ has jurisdiction, including: wetland disturbances, incidents involving compromised integrity of dams, and incidents involving public drinking water supplies, nuclear power plants, mines and oil & gas wells.

The nature of DEQ staff response is generally to provide technical advice to first responders and responsible parties on actions they can take to minimize environmental damage.

Source: DEQ http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-6132_6828-8796--,00.html

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR WATER RESOURCES?

On December 3, 2014 the Michigan Water Environment Association is hosting their annual Watershed Seminar. The seminar will help expand your understanding of technical, regulatory, and policy issues impacting stormwater management, surface water quality, and watershed planning. This seminar will include updates from the MDEQ on programs that impact watershed and stormwater programs, including an update on MS4 Audits. Additional topics will include an analysis of climate change on watershed planning, an update on the Green Infrastructure, identifying impaired waters, TMDLs in Michigan and around the country, funding opportunities for aquatic habitat and dam management, and financing drainage projects using Michigan’s Drain Code.

Source: http://www.viethconsulting.com/Calendar/moreinfo.php?eventid=28536
MIDDLE GRAND RIVER ORGANIZATION OF WATERSHEDS PARTICIPATES IN THE CAPITAL CITY DRAGON BOAT RACE!

The Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds, Friends of the Maple River and Friends of the Looking Glass River entered the Capital City Dragon Boat Race as the Mighty Tridents of the Middle Grand River. Loretta Crum, co-captain of the Mighty Tridents and MGROW Vice President said that the organizations combined for the race to deliver their message:

“What happens in the smaller rivers affects the bigger rivers and ultimately affects the Great Lakes,” Crum said. “Dragon boat racing tests people’s abilities to work together as a team, and that is a parallel to protecting our watershed. We have to work together.” The event also supported the Women’s Center of Greater Lansing.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council Volunteer Stream Monitoring—Red Cedar Watershed: October 11, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Ferguson Park, Okemos

GLRC Public Education Committee meeting October 16 at 9 a.m. at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Offices (3135 Pine Tree Rd., Ste. 2C Lansing, MI 48911)

Michigan Water Environment Association Watershed Seminar: December 3, 2014, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Eagle Eye Banquet Facility (15500 Chandler Rd., Bath, MI 48808)

GLRC Executive Committee Meeting: December 11, 8 - 9:30 a.m. and full GLRC meeting 9:30 - 11 a.m., both in the TCRPC large conference room.

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