



# **Michigan Aquatic Managers Association**

*Dedicated to the Professional Management of Michigan's Aquatic Resources*

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## MAMA position statement regarding the NPDES implementation

The Michigan Aquatic Managers Association (MAMA) asserts that the State of Michigan already has an adequate and comprehensive aquatic nuisance control permit system. It is administered by trained and professional staff that considers the protection of public health, the protection of the natural resource from invasive and nuisance aquatic plant and algae species and the protection and improvement of fish and wildlife habitat.

The products used by MAMA members are subjected to intensive evaluation by the US EPA before they can be registered for the purpose of controlling specific target organisms. These products are designed, regulated, purchased and professionally applied to perform that specific purpose. In addition, these products are further regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Environment and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

We firmly believe that the creation of another layer to the already comprehensive permitting process already in place in Michigan will do nothing more to protect the public health or the aquatic resources of the State. Furthermore, we are greatly concerned that the regulatory burden imposed would only serve to increase costs for lake associations, lake boards and other riparian's attempting to protect or improve their aquatic resources. These lake associations work with professional service providers (MAMA members) in an effort to maintain their property values, improve the fisheries, enhance recreational opportunities, and improve navigation and flood control capabilities, for the betterment of our water resources for the long term.

Equally as important, the Michigan Aquatic Managers Association is certain that the proposed NPDES regulations will serve to increase the administrative and financial burdens placed on the persons that now strive to preserve, protect and to improve the aquatic resources of the State. Furthermore, the proposed regulations do not provide any substantive benefits to the environment or to the protection of public health that doesn't already exist in the State.

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