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DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
AIR QUALITY DIVISION



PHILLIP D. ROOS  
DIRECTOR

December 10, 2024

Dear Interested Party:

We are sending you this information because you may have an interest in air quality related activities associated with Michigan Potash Operating, LLC (Michigan Potash). The company has submitted an air permit application (No. APP-2024-0182) for the proposed installation and operation of a potassium chloride (potash) and sodium chloride (salt) processing facility. The facility is proposed to be located near Schofield Road and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Evart Township, Osceola County, Michigan.

The law requires the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to open some actions for the public to comment on, such as what Michigan Potash is requesting. Public comments are a very important part of making sure the application has been thoroughly reviewed.

Information about the air permit application, such as a summary of the proposed project, the proposed permit conditions, and the technical fact sheet containing the regulatory analysis of the proposed permit conditions are available to review. This information, as well as what we can consider in our decision, may be found at [Michigan.gov/EGLEAirPublicNotice](https://Michigan.gov/EGLEAirPublicNotice) and select “[Applications Open for Comment](#)” or you may contact me for printed copies.

The AQD held a virtual public hearing for the proposed facility in 2021. The current application is the same, except for minor updates to a device that reduces some pollutants and adjustments to particulate matter emission limits. We encourage you to [view the recording](#) of the 2021 hearing to learn more about the proposed project and the permit application review.

If you decide to comment on this draft air permit, you may submit comments in a variety of ways by January 27, 2025.



E-mail your comment to [EGLE-AQD-PTIPublicComments@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-AQD-PTIPublicComments@Michigan.gov)



Mail your comment to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Air Quality Division, Permit Section, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.



Leave us a voicemail comment by calling 517-284-0900.



At the public hearing, if held.

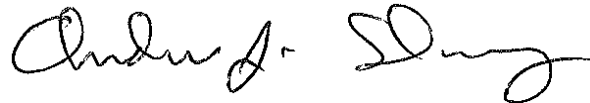
**Please note, for this public comment period, a public hearing must be requested.**

You may request a public hearing be held, in writing, to the email or address above by January 9, 2025. **If requested**, a virtual informational session and public hearing will be held on January 16, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A brief presentation about the proposed project and the draft air permit with a short question and answer session will be followed immediately by the hearing to take official comments on the record. You may contact me at 517-648-6663 on January 10, 2025, to determine if a hearing was requested and will be held.

The AQD will review and consider all comments received during the comment period before making the final decision, and a written response and a copy of the decision made about the proposed permit will be provided to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Drury". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Drury" clearly distinguishable.

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