

PUBLIC NOTICE: EGLE Dam Drawdown Hearing – White Cloud Dam

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has scheduled a **public hearing** related to the **Mill Pond Dam Drawdown Order**.

Although the drawdown was issued as an **emergency order**, EGLE is still **required by law** to hold a public hearing following permitting. This hearing provides an opportunity for the public to **share comments, concerns, and feedback directly with EGLE** regarding how the process was handled and the impacts experienced.

***This is the **appropriate time and venue** for residents to voice their input to EGLE regarding the drawdown order and its implementation.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Water Resources Division (WRD) has issued a **Public Notice** regarding the **White Cloud Dam Drawdown**.

Although the drawdown was issued under an **emergency order**, EGLE is required by law to provide a public notice period for public comment following permitting. This is the public's opportunity to **submit comments directly to EGLE** regarding how the drawdown was handled and the effects it has had. ~April Storms, City Manager

PLEASE NOTE:

Do **not** send comments directly to City Hall or to EGLE's email. Comments must be submitted through EGLE's MiEnviro Portal at the following link:

 <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/info/-1554725249019565598/details>

Once the link is open:

- Click **“Documents”** to view the Public Notice Announcement and project plans.
- Click **“Add Comment”** to submit feedback.
- Do **not** include any personal identification information (such as your email or phone number) in your comment.



Public Notice Period:

Start Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

End Date: Monday, November 10, 2025



Project Information:

- **Site Name:** White Cloud Dam
- **Applicant:** April Storms, City of White Cloud
- **County:** Newaygo
- **District Office:** Grand Rapids District Office
- **WRD Contact:** Thomas Horak (HorakT@Michigan.gov)
- **Application Submission No.:** HQG-FWCY-5YDSF

Project Summary:

This notice pertains to work previously completed under EGLE's **Emergency Conditional Permit No. WRP045450v.1**, which required the drawdown of Lake White Cloud—the impoundment created by the White Cloud Dam.

The drawdown, completed at a rate of up to 1 foot per day, lowered the impoundment approximately 7 feet, draining about 46 acres of the lake area. The drawdown, if made permanent, is expected to eliminate roughly one acre of the 14 existing acres of wetland adjacent to the impoundment, while creating approximately 39 acres of new wetland within the former lake area.

For more information, please email citymanager@cityofwhitecloud.org and we would be happy to share the link and email with you with the public notice information. Comments cannot be submitted through City Hall or your local unit.