

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**WATER RESOURCES DIVISION**  
1504 West Washington Street  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Water Resources Division (WRD) will hold a Public Hearing at the Memorial Union Building (MUB) Alumni Lounge on the Michigan Technological University campus, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931 on May 1, 2018 at 6 pm to 9 pm ET. The Public Hearing will be preceded by a General Information Session at the same location and on the same day, from 2 pm to 4 pm ET.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for permit (Submission No. 2AH-5GEM-CW5S; Proposed Stamp Sand Dredge) under Part 325, Great Lakes Submerged Lands, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), by Mr. Tom Logue of Torch Lake Industries, Inc., 15 Spinning Wheel Road, Suite 232, Hinsdale, IL 60521. The applicant proposes to mechanically and/or hydraulically dredge an estimated 33,528,422 cubic yards of stamp sands waterward of the Ordinary High Water Mark of Lake Superior. The area in which this dredging is proposed extends along the Lake Superior shoreline from the village of Freda (north side of mouth of Graveraet River) on the southwest end up to the south seawall of the North Portage Entry on the northeast end (a total length of 69,485 feet). The average width of the dredging area is estimated to be 400 feet. The dredging will be completed using a custom built dredger capable of reaching depths of 70 feet. The dredger will load the slurry onto an adjacent barge which will have a multiple hydrocyclone sand/water separator which then conveys the damp sand onto a larger barge for shipment out. The separated stamp sands will then be conveyed to the Port of Chicago and/or other Great Lakes ports outside of the state of Michigan. At each dredge location, the entirety of the dredge area, including both barges, will be surrounded by turbidity curtain that will extend from the water's surface to the lake bottom.

The project is proposed to be located in Sections 24 & 25, Township 55N, Range 36W; Sections 2,3,9,10,16,19,20 & 21, Township 55N, Range 35W; Sections 25, 35 & 36, Township 56N, Range 35W; Sections 21, 28, 29 & 30, Township 56N, Range 34W; Stanton Township, Houghton County, Michigan.

The application is available for review on the MDEQ's Web site at: <https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/>, or at the MDEQ, WRD, Upper Peninsula District Office, 1504 West Washington Street, Marquette, MI, 49855, or by calling 906-228-4853. The public hearing record will remain open for ten days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 32514 of Part 325 of the NREPA. The hearing will not be a legal proceeding, witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The MDEQ will, upon written request, provide a copy of the MDEQ's decision on this application.

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Date: March 7, 2018

**NOTE:** Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.