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AARON B. KEATLEY
ACTING DIRECTOR

May 31, 2023

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Aric Nesbitt
The Honorable Roger Hauck
The Honorable Dan Lauwers
The Honorable Lana Theis
State Senators
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

The Honorable Matt Hall
The Honorable Timothy Beson
The Honorable Tom Kunse
The Honorable Angela Rigas
State Representatives
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

Dear Leader Nesbitt, Leader Hall; Senators Hauck, Lauwers, and Theis; and
Representatives Beson, Kunse, and Rigas:

Thank you for your May 18, 2023, letter regarding potential environmental impacts at
the Gotion, Inc., project in Mecosta County.

At this time, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has not
received any permit applications or other requests for activities at this site, including for
items mentioned in your letter like water withdrawals, soil assessments, or geotechnical
evaluations. It is fully possible that multiple approvals will be required before
construction or operations activities begin; however, until we receive an application, we
cannot presuppose the types of permits that will be needed or their potential impacts.
Once received, however, those permit requests and all associated documents will be
publicly available for anyone, including legislators, to access and review.

As with all projects that have the potential to impact the environment or that require
regulatory signoffs from EGLE, the department will ensure that any needed
environmental permits or approvals are requested, reviewed, and acted on in a manner
that is consistent with statute.

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We appreciate your correspondence. If you need further information or assistance, please contact Travis Boeskool, Deputy Director, at 517-275-0829; BoeskoolT@Michigan.gov; or EGLE, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7973; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. B. Keatley', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Aaron B. Keatley
Acting Director
517-284-6712

cc: Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Curtis Hertel Jr., Director of Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office
Travis Boeskool, Deputy Director, EGLE