



News Release

CONSUMERS ENERGY ANNOUNCES LAKE ALLEGAN LEVEL TO RISE AT DIRECTION OF STATE AGENCY

ALLEGAN, Mich., Aug. 4, 2010 – Consumers Energy announced today that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment has directed the company to elevate the Lake Allegan surface level to within one foot of normal with its Calkins Bridge (Consumers Energy's Lake Allegan) Dam.

The MDNRE notified Consumers Energy that the Kalamazoo River oil spill cleanup contingency plan that required a two-foot drawdown of Lake Allegan this week has been revised, clearing the way for the water level's return to within one foot of normal.

Consumers Energy will alter flow at its Calkins Bridge Dam to complete the increase by approximately 11:30 p.m. Thursday, August 5.

Lakefront property owners and recreational users of Lake Allegan are encouraged to consider how the changing lake levels required by the oil spill cleanup contingency plan could affect their activities, boat dockage conditions and safety. No timetable has been set at this time for a complete return of Lake Allegan to its normal level.

The Calkins Bridge Dam, which creates Lake Allegan, was acquired by Consumers Energy in 1969 and produces more than 13 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a year, enough to meet the power needs of 1,550 residential customers.

Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy, provides natural gas and electricity to nearly 6.5 million of Michigan's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

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