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# BILL ANALYSIS

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<b>FY 2004-05 Senate-Passed Gross Appropriation .....</b>	<b>\$340,465,800</b>
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## House Changes to Senate-Passed:

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| 1. <b>Administrative General Fund Reductions.</b> The House includes General Fund reductions proposed by the Governor in a revised recommendation.  | (206,200)   |
| 2. <b>Reduction of Director's Salary and an Unclassified Position.</b> The House lists each unclassified position in a separate line item, eliminates one of the positions, and reduces the Director's salary by 15%. | (20,900)    |
| 3. <b>Laboratory Quality Recognition Program.</b> The House creates a new line item for this program and appropriates placeholder funding from the settlement funds account and a new commercial laboratory fee.      | 200         |
| 4. <b>Adjustments to the Hazardous Waste Program.</b> The House creates an item of difference in this line and includes a shift in the funding for the program.   | (100)       |
| 5. <b>Dioxin Bio-availability Study.</b> Clean Michigan Initiative-response activities funding is added by the House to support a study on dioxin.  | 800,000     |
| 6. <b>Two Cleanup Projects.</b> Money from the Cleanup and Redevelopment Fund is included by the House to support one project in Montcalm Co. and one project in Wayne Co.  | 20,000      |
| 7. <b>White Lake Nutrient Study.</b> The House includes funding from the Environmental Response Fund for a nutrient study.  | 36,000      |
| 8. <b>Little Black Creek.</b> The House adds a placeholder with funding from the Environmental Response Fund.   | 100         |
| 9. <b>Elimination of Submerged Log Recovery Program.</b> The House eliminates this program due to insufficient revenue collections.   | (101,600)   |
| 10. <b>Elimination of Radon Grants.</b> The House eliminates these grants to local health departments for radon testing kits.   | (134,300)   |
| 11. <b>Septage Waste Fees Item of Difference.</b> The House includes the increased revenue added by the Senate and creates an item of difference.   | 100         |
| 12. <b>Budgetary Savings.</b> The House includes a negative appropriation of 15% of the General Fund budget and requires legislative transfers to distribute the savings to specific line items in the bill.          | (5,416,900) |
| 13. <b>Removal of Items.</b> The House removes items added by the Senate regarding a fund shift in air quality fees, beach water quality monitoring, and travel reductions.   | 567,300     |

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Total Changes.....	(\$4,456,300)
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<b>FY 2004-05 House-Passed Gross Appropriation .....</b>	<b>\$336,009,500</b>
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**Changes from FY 2004-05 Senate-Passed:**

1. **Payments to Local Units of Government.** The House makes necessary changes to this section to reflect appropriations in Part 1. (Sec. 201)
2. **Retention of Reports.** The House removes a section requiring the Department to retain copies of reports.
3. **Carry-forward of Cleanup Appropriations.** The House eliminates a section allowing the Department to adjust amounts spent on specific cleanup projects.
4. **Contingency Funds.** The House restores language authorizing the appropriation of contingency funds when approved through legislative transfers pursuant to the DMB Act. (Sec. 219)
5. **Limitation on Travel.** The House removes a section prohibiting reimbursement for meals without an overnight stay and limiting out-of-state travel except in certain circumstances.
6. **Employee savings.** The House adds a requirement that savings from negotiated State employee contracts shall lapse to the funding source from which the appropriations were made. (Sec 220)
7. **Budgetary Savings.** The House includes a section directing the negative appropriation in Part 1 to be satisfied through legislative transfers distributing the savings to specific line items. (Sec. 221)
8. **FTE Reductions.** The House requires the Department to reduce FTEs by 8%. (Sec. 222)
9. **Lease Review and Reduction.** This section directs the Department to review all leases and prepare a lease savings plan to reduce obligations by 5%. (Sec. 223)
10. **Areas of Concern.** The House adds a new section directing the Department to develop a strategy for removing the Michigan Areas of Concern from the Federal listing. Provides criteria and requires the Department to apply for equitable Federal funding. (Sec. 224)
11. **Commercial Laboratories.** The House makes editorial changes to Senate language requiring the Department to contract with commercial laboratories for State laboratory work. (Sec. 502)
12. **Waiver of Certain Permit Fees.** The House restores a section allowing the Department to waive certain permit fees for nonprofit organizations. (Sec. 602)
13. **Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund.** The House removes a section stating legislative intent to use this fund only for activities in the Department of Environmental Quality.
14. **Lake-effect Agriculture.** The House removes a section regarding the development of agriculture in coastal areas and requiring the Department to work with MI Sea Grant and MSU on a pilot project.
15. **Floodplain Mapping.** Prohibits the Department from making improvements to the floodplain mapping program until the wetlands mapping effort is completed. (Sec. 603)
16. **Cleanup Work Project Authorization.** The House eliminates a section establishing work projects for the emergency cleanup action appropriation.
17. **List of Cleanup Sites.** The House lists two cleanup sites in Montcalm and Wayne Co. to receive funding. (Sec. 702)
18. **Dioxin Bio-availability Study.** The House adds a requirement for the contract of a dioxin bio-availability study within nine months. (Sec. 703)
19. **Composting Activities.** The House eliminates a section requiring the Department to work cooperatively with entities in Zeeland for the expansion of composting activities and facilities.
20. **Transfer of Hazardous Waste Program.** The House includes a section providing for the orderly transfer of the Hazardous Waste program to the EPA, including permits, files, records, applications, and reports. (Sec. 805)
21. **NPDES Fund Report.** The House changes the due date of this report. (Sec. 901)
22. **Beach Water Quality Monitoring.** The House removes this section that made specifications for funding provided in Part 1, which the House did not include.

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