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Editor:

Congratulations to everyone who participated in another successful cleanup of the harbor at Put-In-Bay on Sept. 19, 2005. Ohio EPA continues to be a proud participant in the event, which in 13 years, has removed more than 20,000 pounds of trash from the bottom of Lake Erie.

Ohio EPA appreciates the work of the village Chamber of Commerce and others who took over management and planning of the event this year. The event had grown to a point that the three people, including one Ohio EPA staff member, who were coordinating the cleanup could no longer do it alone. It is good to know the community values the event and is willing to keep it going.

The divers and land crew are vital to the cleanup's continuing success. This year there were 54 divers and 103 land volunteers, including 10 Ohio EPA staff, who assisted in picking up 1,561 pounds of trash from under the boat docks. Many of these people have volunteered at the cleanup from its beginning in 1992.

Keep up the good work. Ohio EPA will continue to support this fun and environmentally beneficial event.

Sincerely,

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