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Attachments: FY 2015 AshHbr Public Notice.pdf

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Hi Joe,

I will be sending out the FY15 Ashtabula Harbor dredging 401 application today and I am assuming that you will be reviewing it. In order to comply with ORC 6111.30(A)(7) we have sent a copy of the FY15 Ashtabula Harbor Section 404(a) public notice to Jeromy Applegate, Angela Boyer, John Kessler, and Greg Schneider for review and comment (see e-mail below). We assume that this satisfies WQC Application Item 4c and 4d requesting adequate documentation confirming the request of comments from USFWS and ODNR. Please include this documentation in your application review files. Thanks and please let me know if I can assist in any way the review of the project.

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All,

Attached for your review and comment is the Section 404(a) Public Notice for our scheduled 2015 maintenance dredging project at Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio. This notice is being sent in order to comply with ORC 6111.30(A)(7), which requires the USACE to provide adequate documentation confirming that the applicant has requested comments regarding threatened and endangered species, including the presence or absence of critical habitat from both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This project entails the maintenance dredging of authorized Federal navigation channels, and placement of the associated dredged material in the Harbor's existing open-lake placement area.

The Public Notice has been prepared in conformance with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulation, "Practice and Procedure: Final Rule for Operation and Maintenance of Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Projects involving the Discharge of Dredged Materials into Waters of the United States or Ocean Waters," 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 337.1. The USACE - Buffalo District has requested State Water Quality Certification for the subject project from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), or waiver thereof, under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Please provide any comments you may have regarding this project within 30 days to the undersigned.

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