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Subject: USACE Conneaut Harbor Dredging 404(a) Public Notice
Attachments: FY16 ConnHbr Public Notice.pdf

All,

Attached for your review and comment is the Section 404(a) Public Notice for our scheduled 2016 maintenance dredging project at Conneaut 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 401 Water Quality Certification 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 and nearshore placement areas.

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.

Thank You,

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