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All,

Attached for your review and comment is the Section 404(a) Public Notice for our scheduled 2016 maintenance dredging project at Lorain 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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Application for Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Section 401 State Water Quality
Certification

DISCHARGES OF DREDGED MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH 2016 MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF
LORAIN HARBOR, OHIO

Item 4a - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdictional Determination

As the proposed discharge of dredged material is to open-water in Lake Erie, a USACE Jurisdictional Determination would not be applicable to the proposed project.

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Item 4b - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice

The Section 404(a) Public Notice for the proposed discharges of dredged material associated with the scheduled 2016 maintenance dredging project at Lorain Harbor, Ohio is included with this application as Enclosure 1.

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Item 4c - Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Natural Heritage Database request

The Section 404(a) Public Notice prepared for this project has been forwarded to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources with a request for comments regarding threatened and endangered species, including the presence or absence of critical habitat, per attached e-mail.

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Item 4d - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Threatened and Endangered Species Coordination

The Section 404(a) Public Notice prepared for this project has been forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with a request for comments regarding threatened and endangered species, including the presence or absence of critical habitat, per the attached e-mail.