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23 SEP 2015

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Craig Butler
Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
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Columbus, OH 43216-1049

Dear Mr. Butler:

Craig

Thank you for your September 16, 2015, request to remove the "Added Cost to Agriculture and Industry" Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) from the Maumee River Area of Concern (AOC) in Ohio. As you know, we share your desire to restore all of the Great Lakes AOCs and to formally delist them.

Based upon a review of your submittal and the supporting data, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hereby approves your BUI removal requests for the Maumee River AOC. In addition, EPA will notify the International Joint Commission of this significant positive environmental change at this AOC.

We congratulate you and your staff, as well as the many federal, state, and local partners who have worked so hard and been instrumental in achieving this important environmental improvement. Removal of this BUI will benefit not only the people who live and work in the Maumee River AOC, but all the residents of Ohio and the Great Lakes basin as well.

We look forward to the continuation of this important and productive relationship with your agency and the local coordinating committee as we work together to fully restore all of Ohio's AOCs. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (312) 353-4891, or your staff may contact John Perrecone, at (312) 353-1149.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CK".

Chris Korleski, Director
Great Lakes National Program Office