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Dear Ms. Mulinex:

Thank you for your June 1, 2023 request to remove the *Degradation of Aesthetics* Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) at the Maumee Area of Concern (AOC). As you know, we share your desire to restore all the Great Lakes AOCs and to formally delist them.

Based upon a review of your submittal and supporting data, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby approves your request to remove this BUI from the Maumee AOC. 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 been instrumental in achieving this environmental improvement. Removal of this BUI will benefit not only the people who live and work in the AOC, but all the residents of Ohio and the Great Lakes basin as well.

We look forward to the continuation of this productive relationship with your agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Maumee AOC Advisory Committee as we work together to delist this AOC in the years to come. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (312) 353-8320 or your staff can contact Leah Medley at (312) 886-1307.

Sincerely,

Chris Korleski, Director
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