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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Ms. Lynelle Marolf
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Dear Lynelle:

Thank you for your December 3, 2012 request to remove the "Restrictions on Fish and Wildlife Consumption" Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) at the White Lake Area of Concern (AOC) in Michigan. 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 request at the White Lake 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. This progress will benefit not only the people who live and work in the White Lake AOC but all the residents of Michigan and the Great Lakes basin as well.

We look forward to the continuation of this important and productive relationship with your agency and local coordinating committees as we work together to fully restore all of Michigan'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,

Chris Korleski, Director
Great Lakes National Program Office

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