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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Dan Wyant  
Director  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
525 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Mr. Wyant:

Thank you for your September 13, 2011 request to remove the "Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae" Beneficial Use Impairment in the Deer Lake Area of Concern (AOC), Marquette County, Michigan.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approves your removal request based upon a review of your submittal and the supporting data. We share your desire to restore all of the Great Lakes AOCs and to formally delist them. EPA will notify the International Joint Commission of this significant positive change in the environmental health of the Deer Lake AOC.

We congratulate all of the parties involved in this federal/state/local partnership. They have been instrumental in achieving this important environmental improvement, which will benefit people who work and live near the Deer Lake AOC, the State of Michigan, and the Great Lakes basin. 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 further questions, please contact me at (312) 353-4891 or your staff may contact John Perrecone, Great Lakes National Program Office, at (312) 353-1149.

Sincerely,

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

Chris Korleski, Director  
Great Lakes National Program Office

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