



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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SEP 26 2011

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 "Restrictions on Dredging" Beneficial Use Impairment in the Muskegon Lake Area of Concern (AOC), Muskegon 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 Muskegon 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 Muskegon 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) 886-3000 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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