

Summary

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Type of Action

- 1. Proposed Federal approval of the Michigan Coastal Management Program
 - Administrative
 - Legislative

Brief Description of Proposed Action

2. It is proposed that the Assistant Administrator for Coastal Zone Management approve the Coastal Management Program of Michigan pursuant to P.L. 92-583. Approval would permit implementation of the proposed program, allowing program administration grants to be awarded to the state and require that Federal actions be consistent with the program.

Summary of Environmental Impacts and Adverse Environmental Effects

3. Approval and implementation of the program will restrict or prohibit certain land and water uses in parts of the Michigan coast, while promoting and encouraging development and use activities in other parts. This may affect property values, property tax revenues, and resource extraction and exploration. The program will provide an improved decision-making process for determining coastal land and water uses and siting of facilities and protection of resources of national interest and will lead to increased long-term protection of and benefit from the state's coastal resources.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

4. All alternatives would involve a decision by the Assistant Administrator to delay or deny approval of the Michigan Coastal Management Program. Delay or denial of program approval could come under the following conditions:

- If the program policies are not specific enough to direct State agencies managing uses, areas and activities in the coastal zone.
- If the organizational arrangements and authorities of the Program are not sufficient to enforce policy and resolve conflicts.
- If the Program does not designate properly geographic areas of particular concern.
- If the Program does not satisfactorily delineate an inland boundary.
- If the Program fails to adequately consider the national interest.
- If the Program fails to include Federal consistency procedures.

State options center on responding to the conditions for delay or denial of program approval. The state, therefore, could:

- accept the decision and do nothing to remedy the deficiencies.
- amend its management program to overcome the deficiencies for Federal approval.
- reject the decision and seek administrative or judicial review of the Assistant Administrator's decision.

5. List of all Federal, State and local agencies and other parties from which comments were requested on the DEIS. The list of comments received and responses to those comments are found in Appendix D.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement Review

6. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was transmitted to the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Notice of Availability of the DEIS to the public was published in the *Federal Register* on November 18, 1977. The 45-day comment period ended January 2, 1978. At the request of several commentators, the comment period was extended to January 17, 1978.

Final Environmental Impact Statement Review

7. This Final Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared based on oral/written comments made at the public hearings held on December 13, 14, and 15, 1977 and comments submitted in response to the DEIS. A total of twenty-eight interested parties submitted written comments including fifteen Federal Agencies, three regional agencies, one county agency and nine other parties. The commentators are identified in Appendix D.

Attachment I is the full text of the written comments received by OCZM. Included in this Attachment is a summary of the public hearings held on the DEIS. This Attachment has been forwarded to individuals and organizations who have made comments on the DEIS, as well as all Federal agencies. Additional copies of the written comments will be distributed by OCZM on request.

The written comments and responses to those comments received on the Michigan Coastal Management Program and Draft Environmental Impact Statement are summarized in Appendix D. Generally, the response to the comments is provided in one or a combination of forms:

- Expansion, clarification, or revision of the Michigan Coastal Management Program document,
- Comments by OCZM in response to similar issues raised by several reviewers, and
- Brief responses by OCZM to detailed comments received from each reviewer.

Responses to these comments have been coordinated between the staff of the Michigan Coastal Management Program and OCZM. No attempt has been made to distinguish between comments made on the DEIS and those made on the management program due to the combined format of the document and the interrelated nature of most comments received.