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Subject: Open Lake Dumping

Dear Representatives Szollosi and Murray:

Thank you for your continuing work with Governor Strickland and Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski and Ohio DNR Director Sean Logan to try and reduce the amount of open lake dumping in 2010 by placing about half of the dredged sediments in a confined disposal facility and to eliminate open lake dumping in the near future.

We know that western Lake Erie was very green in the summer of 2009. We also know that there were studies by Ohio Sea Grant and the University of Toledo that showed that turbidity increases bad algae growth. In 2010 the Army Corps projects Lake Erie water levels to be down by 9". This means that there will be less water to process the nutrients – it would seem that would translate into more algae.

Boating and fishing contribute greatly to Ohio's economy. Also water as a resource, is becoming more valuable nationally and internationally. We enjoy an abundance of good water unlike so many places in this world.

Keeping the Toledo shipping channel dredged is important to Toledo's economy. It is also important to maintain the water quality of Lake Erie and to reduce nutrients which primarily come from runoff from agriculture. Confining the resuspended sediments with nutrients into in a disposal area makes more sense than dumping nearly one million cubic yards of sediments with nutrients that can be resuspended into 18' of water in the open lake.

Again thank you for your efforts and please keep trying to reduce the amount of sediments open lake dumped for the health and well being of Western Lake Erie.

Sincerely,

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