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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Craig W. Butler, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
50 West Town Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Ohio EPA's 2014 Integrated Report Section 303(d) List

Dear Mr. Butler:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a complete review of Ohio's 2014 Section 303(d) list and supporting documentation and information. Based on this review, EPA determined that Ohio's 2014 list of water quality limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Load calculations meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, EPA hereby approves Ohio's 2014 Section 303(d) list, along with the State's priority rankings for these waters and pollutants, with one exception as stated below.

EPA approves and supports Ohio's new listing of the shoreline of the Western Basin of Lake Erie for the Public Drinking Water Supply (PDWS) designated use impairment due to excess microcystin. EPA is deferring, however, its final decision on whether waters beyond the shoreline of the Western Basin of Lake Erie should be on Ohio's Section 303(d) list for the impairment of the PDWS designated use due to microcystin. EPA's deferral is due to proposed changes to Ohio's Lake Erie assessment units that would expand coverage to all drinking water intakes in the Western Basin of Lake Erie for the next listing cycle. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Ohio's compliance with each requirement are described in the enclosed decision document.

We appreciate the timely submittal of the list. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Peter Swenson, Chief, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at 312-886-0236.

Sincerely,

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Director, Water Division

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