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OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

**SANDUSKY RIVER (LOWER) AND BAY TRIBUTARIES WATERSHED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD REPORT**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) is providing for public review and comment the Sandusky River (lower) and Bay Tributaries Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Report (TMDL) Document. Ohio EPA developed the Document in fulfillment of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, which requires the identification of impaired waterbodies for which technology-based effluent limitations are not stringent enough to achieve applicable water quality standards and to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads for such waters. The Document addresses impairments in the lower Sandusky River and Sandusky Bay tributaries watershed that appear on the Ohio 2012 303(d) list (assessment units 04100011 01 01 through 03, 04100011 02 01 through 05, 04100011 09 01 through 05, 04100011 10 01 through 04, 04100011 11 01 through 05, 04100011 12 01 through 03, 04100011 13 01 through 03, 04100011 14 01 through 05). The impaired waters are located in Erie, Hancock, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wood counties.

All interested persons wishing to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration may do so in writing to Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, PO Box 1049, 50 W. Town St., Columbus, Ohio 43216, Attn: Gregg Sablak, or by email to gregg.sablak@epa.ohio.gov by the close of business, May 19, 2014. Comments received after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit. After consideration of comments, Ohio EPA will submit the Document to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for approval.

To obtain a copy of the Document or other information, or to arrange to inspect Agency files or records pertaining to the Document, or to request notice of when Ohio EPA submits the Document to U.S. EPA, please contact Gregg Sablak at the address above or by calling 1-614-644-4132. The Document will be posted (on or before April 18, 2014) to the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water Web site: <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/SurfaceWater.aspx>.