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Ohio EPA Hosting Meeting on Proposed Pier Construction

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, on water quality impacts associated with constructing a steel crib pier and stone revetment in Marblehead. The meeting will be held at the Danbury Township Hall, 5972 E. Port Clinton Eastern Road, Marblehead.

The applicant, Anne P. Massey of Bay Village, proposes building the structures along the Lake Erie shoreline on Johnson Island at 3734 Memorial Shoreway.

The applicant's preferred design would place three cubic yards of revetment stone and 205 cubic yards of stone-filled steel crib pier into the lake. Alternative plans with less or no environmental impact also will be considered by Ohio EPA.

During the information session, Ohio EPA representatives will answer questions about the proposed project. During the hearing, the public can submit comments for the record regarding the application.

The federal Clean Water Act requires anyone discharging dredged or fill material into Ohio waters to obtain a Section 401 water quality certification from Ohio EPA and a Section 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ohio EPA's review is to ensure the project will comply with Ohio's water quality standards. Ohio EPA will review the application and consider any comments received before deciding whether to grant or deny the certification.

The proposed activity could result in a change from the current water quality conditions of Lake Erie. Therefore, Ohio EPA is required to consider technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the proposed project.

Ohio EPA will accept written comments on the application through September 22, 2009. Anyone may submit written comments or request to be placed on a mailing list for information by writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The application and other related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office in Bowling Green by calling (419) 352-8461.

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