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**November 18, 2008**

**Re: Draft amendments addressing Water Quality Standards use designation rules in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-1**

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is to make you aware of, and solicit your input on, the Agency's draft revisions to the following rules in OAC Chapter 3745-1.

| Rule #    | Rule Title                                 | Draft Action |
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| 3745-1-09 | Scioto river drainage basin.               | Amend        |
| 3745-1-11 | Maumee river drainage basin.               | Amend        |
| 3745-1-17 | Southwest Ohio tributaries drainage basin. | Amend        |
| 3745-1-18 | Little Miami river drainage basin.         | Amend        |
| 3745-1-25 | Mahoning river drainage basin.             | Amend        |

As part of our mission to protect Ohio's water quality, the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water conducts water quality and biological surveys of Ohio's rivers and streams. One outcome of this work is an assessment of the beneficial uses assigned to specific water bodies in the State's water quality standards rules. The Clean Water Act (CWA) requires all states to conduct such assessments and to designate waters for beneficial uses that support the CWA "fishable and swimmable" goals wherever attainable. All waters are presumed to be capable of supporting goal uses unless the state provides a use attainability analysis (UAA) explaining the reasons why the goals of protecting aquatic life and recreation cannot be attained in the water.

The draft rules and a fact sheet explaining the rule revisions are posted on the Ohio EPA Web page at [www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw). If you are unable to access the Web page, contact Chris Skalski, Division of Surface Water, at (614) 644-2144 to request a copy. Comments on these rules are due to this Agency by **December 23, 2008**. Comments should be forwarded to:

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Please contact Mr. Skalski at the email address or telephone number above if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Elmaraghy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "E".

George Elmaraghy, P.E., Chief  
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