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Ohio EPA Seeks Comments on Lake Erie Shoreline Projects

Potential water quality impacts from two proposed Lake Erie shoreline projects in Ashtabula County will be the focus of a November 17, 2009, Ohio EPA public hearing. The information session and public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Senior High School Auditorium, 2428 Blake Road, Ashtabula.

Ohio EPA is reviewing the following applications to determine if the projects would comply with Ohio's water quality standards:

- Redbrook Boat Club, Inc. (P.O. Box 3018, Ashtabula), proposes to construct three detached breakwaters, a stone revetment and groin, and a beach at its boat club located at 4645 Lake Road West, Ashtabula, resulting in up to 3,160 cubic yards of fill in Lake Erie; and
- Ravine Camp Corporation (1761 N. Cleveland-Massillon Road, Akron), seeks to construct four detached breakwaters and a beach at its camp property located at 5755 Lake Road West, Ashtabula, resulting in up to 2,020 cubic yards of fill in Lake Erie.

Ohio EPA also will consider alternatives that result in lesser or no impacts to water quality.

Anyone wanting to discharge dredged or fill material to waters of the State must first obtain a water quality certification from Ohio EPA and a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed projects may result in a change to the current water quality conditions of Lake Erie, but cannot violate Ohio's water quality standards. Ohio EPA will consider the technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the projects before deciding to issue or deny water quality certifications.

Comments concerning the applications may be presented at the hearing or submitted in writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The public comment period ends November 24, 2009.

The applications are available for review by calling (614) 644-2001.