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Public Invited to Comment on Cleveland Harbor Dredging Project

Maintenance dredging in the Cuyahoga River federal navigation channel will be the focus of a Jan. 17, 2012, Ohio EPA public meeting in Cleveland. The information session and public hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Carnegie West Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 1900 Fulton Road.

Ohio EPA is holding the meeting to accept comments concerning an application by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dredge up to 675,000 cubic yards of material in Cleveland Harbor. The dredged material would be disposed at existing confined disposal facilities located in Cleveland's outer harbor.

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. Ohio EPA's review is to ensure the project will comply with Ohio's water quality standards.

The proposed project may result in a change from the current water quality conditions of Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River, but cannot violate Ohio's water quality standards that protect human health and the environment. Ohio EPA will consider the technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the project before deciding to issue or deny a water quality certification.

Anyone interested in being placed on a mailing list for this project or submitting written comments concerning the application should write to: Ohio EPA, DSW Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The public comment period ends Jan. 24, 2012.

The application and related materials are available for review by calling (614) 644-2001.

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