LEGAL NOTICE
The following matters are the subject of this public notice by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The complete public notice, including any additional instructions for submitting comments, requesting information, a public hearing, or filing an appeal may be obtained at:

http://www.epa.ohio.gov/Pages/pollution.aspx
or Hearing Clerk, Ohio EPA, 50 W. Town St. P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216.
Ph: 614-644-3037 email: HClkern@epa.ohio.gov
Draft Section 401 WQC & Public Hearing 2017 NWPS, Date of Action: 01/17/2017. STATE-WIDE.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF DRAFT
SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) has received an application for, and has developed DRAFT Clean Water Act Section 401 Water quality certifications for the following Nationwide Permits as proposed in the January 6, 2017 Federal Register (Volume 82, No. 4).

1) Aids to Navigation
2) Structures in Artificial Canals
3) Maintenance
4) Fish and Wildlife Habitat, Restoring, and Attraction Devices and Activities
5) Scientific Measurement Devices
6) Survey Activities
7) Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures
8) Oil and Gas Structures on the Outer Continental Shelf
9) Structures in Fletting and Anchorage Areas
10) Mooring Buoys
11) Temporary Recreational Structures
12) Utility Line Activities
13) Bank Stabilization
14) Linear Transportation Projects
15) U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
16) Return Water From Upland Contained Disposal Areas
17) Hydropower Projects
18) Minor Discharges
19) Minor Dredging
20) Response Operations for Oil or Hazardous Substances
21) Surface Coal Mining Activities
22) Removal of Vessels
23) Approved Categorical Exclusions
24) Indian Tribe or State Administered Section 401 Programs
25) Structural Discharges
26) (Reserved)
27) Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities
28) Modifications of Existing Marinas
29) Residential Developments
30) Most Soil Management for Wildlife
31) Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities
32) Completed Enforcement Actions
33) Temporary Construction, Access and Dewatering
34) Cranberry Production Activities
35) Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
36) Boat Ramps
37) Emergency Watershed Protection and Rehabilitation
38) Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste
39) Commercial and Institutional Developments
40) Agricultural Activities
41) Reshaping Existing Ditching
42) Recreational Facilities
43) Stormwater Management Facilities
44) Mining Activities
45) Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events
46) Discharges in Ditches
47) (Reserved)
48) Commercial Shellfish Aquaculture Activities
49) Coal Remining Activities
50) Underground Coal Mining Activities
51) Land Based Renewable Energy Generation Facilities
52) Water Based Renewable Energy Generation Projects
53) Reclamation of Low-Head Dams
54) Living Shorelines

Discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of surface waters of the state, including wetlands, streams and lakes. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-1, an antidegradation review of the application has been conducted. No exclusions or waivers apply or may be granted by the director of Ohio EPA, as outlined by OAC Rules 3745-1-05.

Starting January 17, 2017, copies of Ohio EPA's draft certification and technical support information may be inspected on the Ohio EPA DSW website:

http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/401/permitting.aspx
Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and public hearing relative to issues of lower water quality on March 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A located on the sixth floor of Ohio EPA's offices at 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The public hearing will end when all interested parties have had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the project.

Ohio EPA will continue to accept written comments on the application and DRAFT certification through the close of business on March 10, 2017.

Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of the hearing. Anyone may submit written comments or requests to be placed on a mailing list for information by email to

dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov
or writing to Ohio EPA DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.

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