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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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OHIO EPA  
OF THE DIRECTOR

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Christopher Jones, Director  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
P. O. Box 1049  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter is in response to the submittal of Updates to the Areawide Water Quality Management Plans for the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), the Northeast Ohio Regional Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), and the Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO), that were certified on June 9, 2004, by Governor Bob Taft. These Plan Updates are also part of the State's Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan and its Water Quality Management Plan.

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Sections 208, 303(e) and 40 C.F.R. Part 130, I am approving these Updates, as provided to our office by a July 14, 2004 transmittal from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water. I also concur with the removal of Erie County from the TMACOG Areawide Water Quality Management Plan and it is our understanding that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will assume those planning responsibilities.

I want to acknowledge the substantial effort that preparation of these Plans represents and I also recognize the continued cooperative work of our staff, which I am confident will result in enhanced water quality. Please call me at 312/886-0126, if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jo Lynn Traub  
Director, Water Division