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## **Public Invited to Comment on Fairport Harbor Dredging Project**

Maintenance dredging of the Fairport Harbor federal navigation channel and its potential to impact Lake Erie water quality will be the focus of a March 1, 2011, Ohio EPA public meeting in Fairport Harbor. The information session and public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. at the Fairport Harbor Public Library, 335 Vine Street.

Ohio EPA is holding the meeting to accept comments concerning an application by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dredge up to 650,000 cubic yards of material from the harbor between July 1 and September 15, 2011. The dredged material would be disposed in both open lake and nearshore areas of Lake Erie.

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 Grand 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 March 8, 2011.

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

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