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Pier Project to Be Topic of Public Meeting in Put-In-Bay

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and hearing at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, to accept comments on water quality impacts associated with a project at 155 Roth Drive, Put-In-Bay. The meeting will take place at Put-In-Bay Town Hall, 435 Catawba Avenue.

If approved, the applicant would construct a 123-by-12 foot steel crib pier at the property and place 387 cubic yards of fill in the water. The application was submitted by Robert C. and Christine C. Drummond of Yorktown, Ind. Other alternatives resulting in lesser or no water quality impacts will be considered.

During the information session, representatives from Ohio EPA will answer questions about the proposed project. During the hearing, which will immediately follow the information session, the public can submit comments for the record regarding the application.

The federal Clean Water Act requires anyone discharging dredged or fill material into Ohio waters to obtain a Section 401 water quality certification from Ohio EPA and a Section 404 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. Ohio EPA will review the application and consider any comments received before deciding whether to grant or deny the certification.

The proposed activity could result in a change from the current water quality conditions of Lake Erie. Therefore, Ohio EPA is required to consider technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the proposed project.

Ohio EPA will accept written comments on the application through October 17, 2007. Anyone may submit written comments or request to be placed on a mailing list for information by writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216 1049. The application and other related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office in Bowling Green by calling (419) 352-8461.