

We need your help! Please send an email to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on this critical issue for western Lake Erie.

Use the following wording as a template for your email. Send your email by February 21, 2010 to ben.smith@epa.ohio.gov. Please cc or bcc Kristy Meyer of the OEC at Kristy@theOEC.org

Ohio EPA-DSW
Attention: Permits Processing Unit
Re. Toledo Harbor 401 Application
PO Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

Dear Permit Reviewer:

Research says that turbidity increases bad algae. Open lake dumping increases turbidity and bad algae growth. Open lake dumping has doubled in the past five years at the same time algae has gotten worse.

The Toledo area needs the shipping channel and the dredging.

Western Lake Erie is too fragile right now to allow the practice of open lake dumping to continue and increase. Please change the permit to require the sediments to be placed in an alternative area and proceed with plans to construct an island of sediments made of fish reefs and wetlands instead of open lake dumping.

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