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Please address all comments and inquiries to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District

ATTN: CELRH-RD-N Public Notice No. (*reference above*)

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CHANGE TO PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO REGIONAL CONDITIONS OF THE NATIONWIDE PERMITS FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

This Public Notice cancels the Public Notice issued on July 2, 2014 along with the public information session and hearing scheduled for August 5, 2014, reschedules the public information session and hearing for September 4, 2014, and extends the public comment period until *****.

Division engineers are authorized to add regional conditions specific to the needs and/or requirements of a particular region or state. Regional conditions are important mechanisms to ensure impacts to the aquatic environment authorized by the Nationwide Permits (NWP) are minimal, both individually and cumulatively. Division Engineers may also suspend or revoke specific NWP in certain geographic areas (e.g., states or watersheds) or high-value aquatic systems where impacts authorized by those NWP may be more than minimal.

On July 18, 2014, a Public Notice was issued by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) advertising proposed modifications to the issued Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for the Department of the Army Nationwide Permits described in the February 21, 2012, Federal Register, Reissuance of Nationwide Permits (77 FR 10184). In concert with the Ohio EPA, this Public Notice provides an opportunity for the public to express their views on the proposed changes to Regional Condition 6(e) that would be made if the Ohio EPA's proposed modifications are approved. In addition, modifications to Regional Condition Nos. 4, 4(3.), 5(e) and 6(f) are also being proposed. The intent of this Public Notice is to provide an opportunity for the public to express their views on the proposed modified Regional Conditions currently under consideration by the Huntington, Buffalo and Pittsburgh Districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the State of Ohio.

For your convenience, an electronic copy of the current NWP's with Regional Conditions may be referenced online at the following address:

[http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Portals/38/docs/regulatory/nationwide/2012%20Nationwide%20Permits%20for%20the%20State%20of%20Ohio%20\(with%20EPA%20401%20Water%20Quality%20Certifications\).pdf](http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/Portals/38/docs/regulatory/nationwide/2012%20Nationwide%20Permits%20for%20the%20State%20of%20Ohio%20(with%20EPA%20401%20Water%20Quality%20Certifications).pdf)

Comments relating to the proposed modified Regional Conditions being considered are due to the Huntington District by August 28, 2014, and should be addressed to the following:

Teresa Spagna, Regulatory Project Manager
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The Ohio EPA, in conjunction with the Huntington, Buffalo and Pittsburgh Districts of the Corps, will hold a public information session and public hearing relative to these proposed modifications and to issues of lower water quality on September 4, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Center of Excellence located on the seventh floor of the 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 proposed modifications.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give written or oral comments on the proposed modifications. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered by the Ohio EPA and the Corps prior to any further action on the proposed modifications. In an effort to conserve and eliminate duplication of facts presented, groups with common interests are encouraged to consolidate their comments for presentation by a representative spokesperson.

If you have any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Ms. Teresa Spagna at 304-399-5210. Please note, the names and addresses of those who submit comments in response to this public notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, are available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

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