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Mr. Chris Korleski
Director – Great Lakes National Program Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
77 West Jackson
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Subject: Removal of the Dredging Restrictions BUI in the Waukegan Harbor AOC

Dear Mr. Korleski,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Great Lakes National Program Office (USEPA-GLNPO) approve the removal of the Restriction on Dredging Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) in the Waukegan Harbor Area of Concern (AOC). The management actions for this BUI have been completed and dredging restrictions should no longer be considered a BUI in the AOC.

Under the direction and leadership of Governor Pat Quinn, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has worked closely with the Waukegan Harbor Citizens' Advisory Group (CAG) to evaluate the delisting target, which is consistent with the U.S. Policy Committee's *Delisting Principles and Guidelines* document. The delisting target states that "dredged material within the AOC is of suitable quality for "open water" disposal, unrestricted upland use, or beach nourishment." The IDNR has assessed the final data of the remedial actions accomplished through the Superfund Program, and found that PCB concentrations (surface-weighted average concentration-SWAC) were lower than the original target SWAC (0.2 ppm). The overall harbor PCB concentration (SWAC), following environmental dredging equaled 0.0604 ppm. IDNR and the CAG feel that the Waukegan Harbor AOC has met the criterion for the Dredging Restrictions BUI and that the BUI should be removed from the list of impairments in this AOC.

Enclosed, please find the supporting documentation for the removal of the Dredging Restrictions BUI in Waukegan Harbor AOC, including the proposal to remove this BUI; documentation on public outreach; and a recommendation letter from the Waukegan Harbor CAG.

We look forward to our continuing partnership with the RAP AOC program and working closely with the U.S. EPA-GLNPO to achieve more delisting targets.

Sincerely,



Director Marc Miller

cc: John Perrecone, USEPA w/o attachments
Bill Bolen, USEPA w/o attachments
Susie Schreiber, Waukegan Harbor CAG