



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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Mr. Thomas Easterly  
Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Dear Mr. Easterly:

Thank you for your February 13, 2012 request to remove the "Restrictions on Drinking Water Consumption--Taste and Odor Problems" Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI) in the Grand Calumet River Area of Concern (AOC), Lake County, Indiana.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approves your removal request based upon a review of your submittal and the supporting data. We share your desire to restore all of the Great Lakes AOCs and to formally delist them. EPA will notify the International Joint Commission of this significant positive change in the environmental health of the Grand Calumet River AOC.

We congratulate all of the parties involved in this federal/state/local partnership. They have been instrumental in achieving this important environmental improvement, which will benefit people who work and live near the Grand Calumet River AOC, the State of Indiana, and the Great Lakes basin. We look forward to the continuation of this important and productive relationship with your agency and local coordinating committees as we work together to fully restore all of the BUIs at the Grand Calumet AOC.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (312) 353-4891 or your staff may contact John Perrecone, Great Lakes National Program Office, at (312) 353-1149.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Korleski".

Chris Korleski, Director  
Great Lakes National Program Office

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