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March 12, 2008

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Re: **Pre-Activity Notification: General Isolated Wetland Permit (Level 1)**
Ohio EPA SWIMS ID#: 083337
Project: Construction of a fourth lane between SR 91 and Vine Street and a third lane between Heisley Road and SR 44; miscellaneous work
Project ID #: LAK-2-3.32, PID 13486

Dear Mr. Hill:

On April 10, 2007, the Director of the Ohio EPA, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6111.021 issued the Ohio General Permit for filling Category 1 and Category 2 Isolated Wetlands. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has submitted a complete and acceptable General Isolated Wetland Permit Application (Level 1) and, after our review, hereby has been granted a General Isolated Wetland Permit, effective March 12, 2008, relative to the above referenced project. This permit only authorizes the designated impacts (0.02 acres) to Isolated Wetlands W-3 and W-13 described in the application.

We received the permit application in our office on March 7, 2008. The project consists of the construction of a fourth lane between SR 91 and Vine Street, and third lane between Heisley Road and SR 44, in Lake County, Ohio. In addition, construction work will include full shoulders and concrete median barrier, and modification of seven freeway interchanges. The project is estimated to impact 0.02 acres of isolated wetlands.

Please note ODOT is required to abide by all of the provisions of the General Permit, specifically the permit conditions listed in Part III and the mitigation requirements listed in Part IV. Per ORC Section 6111.022 (E) and Part V of the General Permit, the proposed filling of the isolated wetlands must be completed within two years of the date of this permit. If ODOT does not complete the filling within this two year period, it must submit a new pre-activity notice (PAN) to Ohio EPA. According to the application, ODOT shall provide compensatory mitigation for the 0.02 acres of impacts to Wetlands W-3 and W-13 by deducting 0.03 acres of wetland mitigation credits from the Trumbull

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