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## **Certified Mail**

August 12, 2008

Mr. James G. Beasley, P.E., P.S., Director Ohio Department of Transportation 1980 West Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43223

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

c/o Timothy M. Hill, Administrator, Office of Environmental Services

Re:

Lake County

Grant of Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Project: (Minimal Degradation Alternative) to enhance safety and reduce congestion, and add third lane on State Route (SR) 2 in Lake County, Ohio.

ACOE Public Notice No. 2006-2200-CHA

Ohio EPA ID No. 083387

ODOT ID Code:LAK-2-3.32, PID 13486

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Director of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency hereby authorizes the above referenced project under the following authority.

Section 401 Water Quality Certification

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Public Law 95-217, the Director of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency hereby certifies that the abovereferenced project will comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

This authorization is specifically limited to a 401 water quality certification with respect to water pollution and does not relieve the applicant of further certifications or Permits as may be necessary under the law. I have determined that a lowering of water quality in the Chagrin River Watershed (HUC 04100009) as authorized by this certification is necessary. I have made this determination based upon the consideration of all public comments, and including the technical, social, and economic considerations concerning this application and its impact on waters of the state.

> Ted Strickland, Governor Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor Chris Korleski, Director

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