



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

DETROIT DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

477 MICHIGAN AVENUE

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

March 21, 2016

Dear Great Lakes Navigation Stakeholder:

Please join us and other Great Lakes stakeholders for the next Great Lakes Navigation Stakeholder Meeting to be held in Chicago, IL on Thursday, April 14, 2016. In December, Congress enacted the FY16 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which outlined the Corps' funding for Fiscal Year (FY) FY16. In that act, Congress included "Additional Funds for Ongoing Work." Those additional funds were allocated by the Corps and reported to Congress in March. This stakeholder meeting will cover FY15 accomplishments, the FY16 final allocations, and the FY17 President's Budget.

This meeting was organized to allow you time to interact with Corps staff from all three Great Lakes Districts to ask any specific questions you have on funding requirements and funds included in the FY16 and FY17 programs. This is a unique opportunity to discuss our upcoming program and have open dialogue on our opportunities and challenges.

The Great Lakes Navigation Stakeholder Meeting will be held on April 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT in our downtown Chicago USACE office. For those who are unable to attend the meeting in person, audio and web conferencing information is on the attached agenda. Please confirm your intent to attend this meeting either in person or via audio and web conferencing with Ryan Mandigo at (313) 226-6796 or by email email at [Ryan.L.Mandigo@usace.army.mil](mailto:Ryan.L.Mandigo@usace.army.mil) by Friday, April 8, 2016. Please RSVP to make sure you are identified on the list that is provided to facility security. Your name must be on this list and you must have photo ID to be allowed into the facility.

The meeting location, travel information, and agenda are enclosed. If you are unable to make the meeting entirely, we encourage you to send us your comments, concerns, or suggestions by telephone or email. I can be reached at (313) 226-6444 or by email at [Michael.K.O'Bryan@usace.army.mil](mailto:Michael.K.O'Bryan@usace.army.mil). For information on Great Lakes Navigation Team meetings and activities, please visit [www.lre.usace.army.mil/greatlakes/navigation](http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/greatlakes/navigation).

Your input is very important to our process. I look forward to meeting with you in April.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. O'Bryan".

Michael K. O'Bryan, P.E.

Great Lakes Navigation Business Line Manager