



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DIVISION, GREAT LAKES AND OHIO RIVER  
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Dear Great Lakes Stakeholder:

As a Great Lakes stakeholder, I am certain that you are aware of the challenges and constraints we face in fostering the prosperity and sustainability of the Great Lakes navigation system.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is a proud member of the team that helps to maintain the navigation system on the Great Lakes. We certainly recognize the importance of sharing ideas and encouraging open discussion. In an effort to improve our communication, we are hosting a meeting to discuss future system strategies to reduce risk and improve the reliability of Great Lakes navigation projects under our stewardship. An integral part of the meeting will be to solicit your input on how we develop and prioritize critical needs on the Great Lakes.

I cordially invite you to join us in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 7, 2006, to take part in discussions of Great Lakes stakeholder ideas and concerns on development of critical project needs and strategies for success. I sincerely believe that by working together we can develop solutions to many of the serious investment challenges we face in ensuring the continued viability of the waterway.

Please confirm your attendance with Ms. Mondolyn Rucker at (313) 226-6786 by November 10, 2006. We will be providing logistics for the meeting in mid-November. I have included a preliminary outline of an agenda with this letter. Please feel free to contact Ms. Kathy Griffin by email at [Kathy.M.Griffin@usace.army.mil](mailto:Kathy.M.Griffin@usace.army.mil) or by phone at (716) 879-4315 with any comments or suggestions on the draft agenda outline. Also, feel free to share this invitation with any of your colleagues who may be interested in attending. I look forward to meeting with you in December.

Sincerely,

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Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Division Engineer

Enclosure