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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Dear Great Lakes Stakeholder:

Our Great Lakes navigation system has faced many challenges over the past several years. These ongoing challenges include an aging infrastructure and constrained funding, resulting in many critical system needs. Now, the system also faces record low water levels. It is more important than ever that we continue to work together to develop and prioritize system needs and further our efforts to ensure the continued viability of the system. As part of our ongoing efforts, we will host a meeting of Great Lakes stakeholders to continue our important dialogue.

I cordially invite you to join the Corps and other Great Lakes stakeholders in Detroit, Michigan on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 for an open discussion of critical system needs and strategies for the long-term viability of the Great Lakes navigation system. Stakeholder feedback is critical to our efforts. I am certain that by working together we can develop solutions to our serious investment challenges. I have been very pleased with the open, two-way communication that is taking place between the Corps and stakeholders and I look forward to continuing that dialogue.

Details on the meeting location and hotel arrangements are enclosed. Based on feedback received from previous stakeholder meetings, we will also have call-in capability for this meeting for those who are unable to travel to Detroit. That number is provided in the enclosed details. Please confirm your intent to attend either in person or by telephone with Ms. Ruby McGill at (313) 226-6389 or by email at Ruby.G.McGill@usace.army.mil by November 5, 2007.

I have included a preliminary agenda for your consideration. Please feel free to contact Marie Strum by phone at (313) 226-6794 or by email at Marie.T.Strum@usace.army.mil with any comments or suggestions on the draft agenda. Also, please pass this invitation on to any colleagues who may be interested.

I also encourage you to attend the Great Lakes Dredging Team meeting, which will take place immediately following our Great Lakes Stakeholder meeting. This is a good opportunity for our stakeholders to participate and interact with the discussions that take place within this forum. I look forward to meeting with you in November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bruce A. Berwick".

Bruce A. Berwick
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