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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Dan Wyant
Director
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 30473
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7973

Dear Mr. Wyant:

Thank you for your April 4, 2011 request to delist the "Restrictions on Drinking Water Consumption or Taste and Odor Problems" Beneficial Use Impairment in the United States waters of the Detroit River Area of Concern (AOC).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approves your delisting request based upon a review of your submittal and the supporting data. We share your desire to restore all of the Great Lakes AOCs and to formally delist them. EPA will notify the International Joint Commission of this significant positive change in the environmental health of the Detroit River AOC.

We congratulate all of the parties involved in this federal/state/local partnership. They have been instrumental in achieving this important environmental improvement, which will benefit people who live and work near the Detroit River AOC, the State of Michigan, and the Great Lakes basin. We look forward to the continuation of this important and productive relationship with the state and local coordinating committees as we work together to fully restore all of Michigan's AOCs.

If you have further questions, please contact me at (312) 886-3000 or your staff may contact John Perrecone, Great Lakes National Program Office, at (312) 353-1149.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S Hedman".

Susan Hedman
Great Lakes National Program Manager

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