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From: Ohio Coastal Resource Management Project, Edith Chase, Honorary Board Member

RE: Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS)

The Ohio Coastal Resource Management Project (OCRMP), a nonprofit all-volunteer organization, commends the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for undertaking the Great Lake Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) to evaluate a range of options and technologies to prevent transfer of aquatic nuisance species (ANS), such as Asian carp, between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River through aquatic pathways. This work is very important because of the potentially devastating effects on the ecosystem and economy of the Great Lakes region.

In addition to the issues identified, OCRMP urges review of possible 'backdoor' connections in addition to the Wabash River/Maumee river watersheds, such as the old Ohio canal system. We also request review of options for rapid response if ANS is found in any tributary to Lake Erie. Of course, both capital and operating costs should be evaluated.

Your consideration of our concerns is very much appreciated.