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February 10, 2010

Residents of Luna Pier:

As a community that lives, works and plays on Lake Erie, we have taken an interest in the dredging of the shipping channel into the Port of Toledo. It has come to our attention that the Army Corp of Engineers has submitted a permit application to Ohio E.P.A. for open dumping of the spoils from dredging the Maumee River and Toledo shipping channel. We have serious concerns about this creating turbidity of the water, which makes a favorable environment for increased algae growth. We have been invaded by a species of algae called *Lyngbya Wollei*, which is so extensive that it can be seen from satellites in space, and also *mycrocystis*, which is known to produce toxins. The permit will allow Toledo to dump 2 and a half times the amount of silt as in years past. If you have seen the algae over the last few years imagine that multiplied by nearly three. It is not only a nuisance, but can be a health hazard. As Luna Pier is building a future based on our Master Plan to build up our water front activities in order to reduce our dependency on Consumers Energy this dumping **will** adversely affect our economic situation significantly. We need as many individuals as possible to send letters of concern to the Ohio EPA which must be received by them before February 22nd. Attached is a sample letter that can be used or you may form a letter of your own, call, or e-mail. For additional information visit the following website and investigate their links concerning this issue:

<http://www.westernlakeerie.org/>

Contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency before February 22, 2010

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Sincerely,
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