

## **Executive Order 2015-02K**

The Emergency Amendment of Rule 3745-32-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

WHEREAS, Lake Erie is one of Ohio's crown jewels, and it is our obligation to protect the people and wildlife that rely on its delicate ecosystem.

WHEREAS, in addition to supporting Ohio's travel and tourism industry and significant economic development opportunities along the shoreline, Lake Erie is a source of drinking water for 23 public water systems serving approximately 2.6 million Ohioans.

WHEREAS, Section 6111.04 of the Ohio Revised Code prohibits pollution of waters of the state without a valid permit as provided in Sections 6111.01 to 6111.08 of the Ohio Revised Code.

WHEREAS, Section 6111.03 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate rules governing the issuance of permits.

WHEREAS, Section 119.03(G) of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Governor, upon the request of a state agency, to determine that an emergency exists necessitating the immediate adoption, amendment, or rescission of an agency rule.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has requested a determination whether an emergency exists that requires the immediate amendment of Rule 3745-32-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code in order for the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to Sections 6111.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, to make emergency changes to the rule to ensure that the deposit of dredged material in Lake Erie does not degrade the health and condition of the lake and that the placement of dredged material will not violate any international treaties or interstate compacts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, have determined, upon the request of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, that an emergency exists requiring the immediate amendment of Rule 3745-32-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Further, I hereby order that the procedures prescribed by Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code with respect to the amendment of such specified rule be suspended and the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency be permitted to immediately amend this rule by electronically filing it with

the Secretary of State, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission, and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

Further, I hereby order that this Executive Order be filed in electronic form with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of State, the Director of the Legislative Service Commission, and the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

1 signed this Executive Order on February //, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio, and it will expire at the end of the one hundred and twentieth day it is in effect.



John R Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State