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Mayors, County Commissioners, Regional Authority Officials,
Consulting Engineers, and Interested Citizens

**Re: Ohio's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund
Approval of 2017 Program Management Plan**

Dear Interested Party:

I am pleased to announce the approval of the 2017 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program Management Plan (PMP) which includes the list of all projects that are seeking assistance in 2017.

Ohio's WPCLF program is very robust, and has, in recent years, funded all eligible projects. The 2017 PMP continues that level of fund availability. The 2017 PMP includes the following notable features:

- Ohio EPA is offering up to \$30 million in principal forgiveness to communities to upgrade and connect failing household sewage treatment systems, to correct combined sewer overflows and unsewered areas, and to promote energy efficient equipment at treatment plants.
- Ohio EPA is offering \$100 million at 0% interest rate to communities to address issues caused by harmful algal blooms and their effect on Ohio's drinking water systems.
- Ohio EPA is allocating \$10 million for Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program Projects.
- Ohio EPA is offering a total of \$300 million at 0% interest rate over the next three years to help communities address water quality issues caused by combined sewer overflows.
- Ohio EPA is currently seeking concurrence from U.S. EPA for us to provide 45-year extended-term loans to certain qualified projects. We will also allow for structured repayment options for certain qualified projects.

The complete 2017 PMP may be found at <http://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa.aspx>. We released the Draft PMP for public review on October 21, 2016, and held a public meeting on November 21, 2016. Ohio EPA's responses to the comments received during the review period can also be viewed at the link above.

We thank you for your continued interest in improving Ohio's water quality. If you have questions, please contact the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance at (614) 644-2798.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig W. Butler", written over a horizontal line.

Craig W. Butler
Director