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The Honorable Jon Husted  
United States Senate  
SR-304 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Husted:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Great Lakes and Ohio River Division is preparing to realign Regulatory boundaries in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia to improve consistency, coordination and customer service. Implementation will begin by Oct. 1, 2026, and will provide applicants, partner agencies and other stakeholders with a clearer single-district point of contact within each state in the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division's area of responsibility.

USACE's Regulatory mission, authorities and environmental protections remain unchanged. USACE Districts will coordinate directly with employees, applicants and partner agencies to transfer or retain current actions as appropriate, maintain continuity of service and provide updated contact information. Section 408 requests will continue to be handled by the district responsible for the applicable Civil Works project.

As part of this realignment, the Huntington District will be the Regulatory contact for the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division's area of responsibility in Ohio.

Updates on Regulatory boundary realignment implementation will be provided on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division website:  
<https://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/wetlands-permits/>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (304) 399-5395 or [Phillip.Valenti@usace.army.mil](mailto:Phillip.Valenti@usace.army.mil) or my Chief, Regulatory Division, Mr. Michael Hatten at (304) 399-6918 or [Michael.e.hatten@usace.army.mil](mailto:Michael.e.hatten@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,



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