



June 21, 2002

Dear Reviewer:

Enclosed for your review and consideration is the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program Document/Final Environmental Impact Statement (P/FEIS). The P/FEIS describes the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP) and details how the program meets the requirements to participate in the Coastal Zone Management Program in partnership with the National Ocean Service (NOS).

The LMCP was developed on the strength of Indiana's existing state laws and programs. The benefits of participation in the Coastal Zone Management Program include improved coordination in the management of natural and cultural resources of the coastal region, funding for projects and programs that address coastal resource protection and development, and technical assistance to address the coastal resource concerns of northwest Indiana.

Written comments on the P/FEIS will be reviewed and considered by the NOS prior to issuing their decision concerning approval of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program under the Coastal Zone Management Program. Written comments on the P/FEIS should be submitted by July 22, 2002 to:

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Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management
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Additional information and program documents are available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich>
If you have any questions concerning the Lake Michigan Coastal Program, please feel free to contact me at 317-233-0132 or through e-mail at coastal@dnr.state.in.us.

Sincerely,

Laurie Rounds
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