



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Craig W. Butler, Director

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

**RE: 2015 Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Nominations
Opportunity for Additional Funding for Nutrient Reduction Projects**

Dear Madam or Sir:

In response to the concerns regarding harmful algal blooms and their effect on drinking water systems, Ohio EPA is proposing a multi-faceted funding approach to the treatment of harmful toxins and the reduction of pollutants that cause these algal blooms.

As part of this approach, we are pleased to announce that through Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) we are offering an additional \$100 million available at a 0% interest rate for projects that include equipment and facilities to reduce the levels of phosphorus and other pollutants. The discounted rate will be available for the portion of the project directly attributable to the nutrient reduction. Standard, below-market interest rate loan funds will be offered for the balance of a proposed project. The funds can be used for planning, design, and construction of qualifying projects. Priority will be given to public wastewater treatment systems that are in the Lake Erie watershed or in a watershed where Ohio EPA has identified (through a TMDL study) that nutrients are excessive.

Accordingly, we are also extending the deadline for submitting project nominations from August 31, 2014 to September 5, 2014. Please indicate in your submittal if you are seeking funding for this new discount. The 2015 WPCLF nomination materials can be found at:
<http://epa.ohio.gov/defa/EnvironmentalandFinancialAssistance.aspx>.

If you have questions regarding the WPCLF or this announcement, please do not hesitate to contact Becky McKinney at (614) 644-3636, or email us at epa.defamail@epa.ohio.gov

Thank you for your continuing interest in improving Ohio's water resources.

Sincerely,

Craig W. Butler
Director