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Notice of Receipt of 401 Application

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor (PID 116649)
Interstate 71/75, Cincinnati, OH 45203

Facility Description: 401 Certification

Receiving Water: Ohio River

ID #: 249797A

Date of Action: 12/09/2024

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) has received an application for, and has begun to consider whether to issue or deny, a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for a project to rehabilitate the Brent Spence Bridge carrying I-71 and I-75 over the Ohio River, construct an additional companion bridge to carry express lanes of the same, and realign I-71 and I-75 to account for the new bridge. The application was submitted by Ohio Department of Transportation. The project is located at Interstate 71/75, Cincinnati, OH, 45203. The Huntington District Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number for this project is LRH-2006-02138-OHR. The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 249797A. Discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of the Ohio River. Ohio EPA will review the application, and decide whether to grant or deny the certification, in accordance with OAC Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32. In accordance with OAC rule 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of water quality. No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by OAC rule 3745-1-05, apply or may be granted. Starting December 9, 2024, copies of the application and technical support information may be inspected on Ohio EPA-DSW website: <https://epa.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/epa/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/permitting/water-quality-certification-and-isolated-wetland-permits> Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and public hearing relative to issues of lower water quality on Jan. 29, 2025, at 4 p.m. in the 6th Floor Summer Conference Room at the Ohio EPA Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The hearing may also be attended virtually by registering at this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2277777318875284572> All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give written or oral comments on the proposed project. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to any further action on the application. Ohio EPA will continue to accept written comments on the application through the close of business on February 5, 2024. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of the hearing. Anyone may submit written comments or requests to be placed on a mailing list for information by email to epa.dswcomments@epa.ohio.gov or writing to: Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. To request a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, visit: <https://epa.ohio.gov/ada>