

NOAA and EPA Region 5 Interim Decision Memorandum on Indiana's Progress in Meeting Coastal Nonpoint Program Conditions of Approval

MARINAS AND RECREATIONAL BOATING

A. MARINA SITING AND DESIGN

CONDITION: Within five years, Indiana will demonstrate that it has programs in place to implement the shoreline stabilization, storm water runoff, and fueling station design.

DECISION: Indiana has satisfied this condition.

RATIONALE: Indiana has developed and is implementing a clean marina certification program. As part of the program, the state has developed a Clean Marina Guidebook that recommends best management practices consistent with the (g) guidance for all marina management measures, including shoreline stabilization, storm water runoff and fueling station design.

State staff provide technical assistance to help marina become "clean marinas" through workshops and one-on-one assistance. Although the Indiana Clean Marina Program was just launched on May 28, 2008, two of the 18 marinas within the 6217 management area have already signed pledges to become clean marinas within a year. One of these pledged marinas is the largest marina along Indiana's Lake Michigan coast, representing nearly a third of the slips within the coastal boundary.

NOAA and EPA congratulate Indiana on their hard work in developing this new clean marina certification program. The state has established a well thought out strategy for continuing to expand the program over the next 15 years.

B. MARINA AND BOAT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

CONDITION: Within five years, Indiana will demonstrate that it has programs in place to implement the petroleum control and boat cleaning management measures.

DECISION: Indiana has satisfied this condition.

RATIONALE: As mentioned above, Indiana has developed and is implementing a clean marina certification program. Through the Clean Marina Guidebook and directed technical assistance, Indiana is promoting best management practices consistent with the (g) guidance for all marina management measures, including the boat cleaning and petroleum control measures. See above for additional information about Indiana's Clean Marina Certification Program.