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Technical Services Division

Lake Michigan Coastal Program
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Indiana Dunes State Park Annex Office
1600 North 25 East
Chesterton, Indiana 46304

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District requests a General Federal Consistency Determination for periodic placement of beach nourishment material on the shore of Lake Michigan at the Indiana Dunes National Park. The proposed activity complies with the Indiana Coastal Zone Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such policies. Since this is an on-going project, the Chicago District requests a General Federal Consistency Determination for the life of the project. If placement areas change in the future, the Chicago District will request a new Determination.

Beach nourishment activity has occurred repeatedly over the years at Crescent Beach. ER18305 was issued for placement east of Mount Baldy. At the request of the National Park Service, the potential placement area is being extended west of Mount Baldy to Drake Ave (see attached figure). The nourishment material will be excavated from at least one sand quarry meeting USACE material requirements. The USACE contractor will transport the material to the nourishment site by truck on an access road, or by barge wherein material will be off-loaded onto dry land prior to placement. Placement will begin midsummer 2020 and continue annually thereafter. The exact quantity and timing of beach nourishment is funding and schedule dependent. Therefore, the boundaries shown on the figure show the extent possible over the life of the project.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to Ms. Margaret Dove at (312) 846-5502 or margaret.a.dove@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel L. Schmidt".

Joel Schmidt
Chief, Hydraulics & Environmental
Engineering Section

Enclosure

Indiana Shoreline Erosion Protection – Central Avenue Location
Project extends from Mount Baldy SR-16 west to Drake Ave

Project Site Map

