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2010 Draft 303(d) List of Impaired Waters
Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology
Janet Pittman
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Office of Legal Counsel, MC 65-46
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
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Re: **Nutrient and impairment concerns for Shipshewana Lake
LaGrange County, Indiana**

Dear Ms. Janet Pittman:

We wish to inform you of Water Quality Standards (WQS) degradation and what we believe is the continuing eutrophication of Shipshewana Lake, located in the northeast corner of LaGrange County, Indiana.

It is the wish of the Shipshewana Community Lake Improvement Association (SCLIA) to request IDEM for assistance in addressing the issues regarding the poor quality of these inlet waters. The contamination and nutrients we are monitoring that are negatively impacting the lake are coming from areas surrounding the lake and will be referred to as the Shipshewana Lake "watershed". We are unable to monitor the entire watershed though. So we have narrowed our monitoring to several sites sampled in past studies and also as recommended by LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District.

We understand IDEM has developed a document described as the 303(d) list that includes and identifies impaired bodies of water in the state of Indiana, but that Shipshewana Lake is not included on the 2010 listing.

Due in part to the analytical results of samples currently being drawn throughout the watershed and the lake, also due to physical observations

completed. So we are requesting oversight management for any additional projects in the future.

We are not only requesting a review of these issues, data, and requests for the possible inclusion of the lake to be put back on the 303(d) list, but also for assistance in addressing these issues that really are outside of our authority and abilities, but are within the IDEM's authorities and responsibilities to resolve.

Thank you for your time.

Most sincerely,

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