

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**INITIAL CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL**  
**UNDER OHIO'S VOLUNTARY ACTION PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2006, the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA"), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") 3746.04(B)(5) and Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") 3745-300-05, issued an initial "certified professional" certification to Mr. Montgomery S. Bennett, P.G., CP 295.

The issuance of the initial certification is a final action of the Director and will be public noticed in accordance with OAC 3745-47-07. The action may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission ("Commission"). The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice or issuance of the action. See ORC 3745.04 and 3745.07. A copy of the appeal must be served on the Director within three (3) days after the appeal is filed with the Commission. The appeal may be filed with the Commission at 236 East Town Street, Room 300, Columbus, OH 43215.

If you would like to review a copy of the certificate, or any documents related to the certification, please contact Debi Tavizon, Records Management, at Ohio EPA, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Voluntary Action Program, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, or by telephone at (614) 728-1298.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DIVISION OF DRINKING AND GROUND WATERS**

Notice of Availability of Technical Guidance Manual Revised Final Draft Chapter 10  
on Ground Water Sampling and Analysis

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has issued as final Chapter 10 of the Technical Guidance Manual for Hydrogeologic Investigations and Ground Water Monitoring entitled Ground Water Sampling and Analysis. This document may be downloaded for printing or viewing at the following address:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/Documents/tgmguid10sap2006final.pdf>

It is also available by contacting Tim Krichbaum at (614) 644-2752.

**Date of Public Notice: February 16, 2006**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING  
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE  
CONNEAUT HARBOR WEST PIER REHABILITATION**

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 Certification for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) maintenance project located on the southern shore of Lake Erie at the mouth of the Conneaut River. The application was submitted by the USACE, Buffalo District, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14207-3199. The project is located in Ashtabula County, Ohio, approximately 14 miles east of Ashtabula, Ohio and 27 miles west of Erie, Pennsylvania. The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 062545.

As required by the Antidegradation Rule, three alternatives have been submitted for the project. The applicant's proposed preferred alternative, if approved, would involve an anchored sheet pile wall. This will entail dividing the pier into two reaches, north and south, 120 feet and 160 feet, respectively, due to the differing load and site conditions of the pier. The north reach of the pier will be encased in a SSP wall from the north inside edge of the boat slip all around the pierhead and down the west side of the pier approximately 120 feet. Since the north reach of the pier is being encased, 450 feet of steel sheet pile will be installed. Encasement was chosen since the structure is essentially a free standing structure without any instability due to external loads and encasement will prevent further undermining and protect the new concrete cap. The SSP walls will be tied to each other every 12.5 feet with 150 ksi tierods. Currently the tie rods and SSP are conservatively designed for full active pressure of the timber crib acting on both SSP walls. The south reach of the pier, approximately 160 feet long, is designed as an anchored SSP retaining wall. The existing structure is subject to high lateral loads from adjacent railroad tracks and stone stockpiles. The anchored sheet pile wall will provide support to the existing structure to carry these loads. Although the crib shows no signs of imminent collapse, continued deterioration over time will lead to the requirement for some type of retaining structure. The SSP wall and anchors are designed for the full active pressure of the soil currently carried by the timber crib and also the surcharge loads applied to the south reach. The surcharge loads used in the CWALSHT analysis for the south reach were a triangular surcharge load from stone piles adjacent to the crib and also a rectangular surcharge load from a rail car loaded with stone. Both of these load conditions were observed in the field and can occur simultaneously. Two tierods support the SSP wall; a horizontal tie rod from the SSP wall goes across the top of the crib and anchors into a vertical H-Pile driven on the west side of the wall, and sloped rock anchor installed below the horizontal tierod on the H-Pile is embedded into rock to carry the horizontal load from

the SSP wall. The H-Pile is reinforced between the tie rods to carry the moment from the couple created by the two anchors. The materials to be placed under this alternative would include steel, concrete, riprap, and toe stone. The applicant's proposed minimal degradation alternative, if approved, would involve a steel sheet pile wall. The west side of the West pier is protected by fairly large riprap in some locations. In other locations, fill has been placed against it, and in other locations the timber crib and concrete cap are exposed to the waters of Conneaut Harbor. Encasement of the existing pier is possible, but will require removal of the riprap obstructions, and any other obstructions encountered in the fill behind the pier. The materials to be discharged under this alternative would include steel, concrete, riprap, and toe stone.

The discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of Lake Erie at the mouth of the Conneaut River. The review of the application will be conducted, and a decision whether to grant or deny the application will be made, in accordance with Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of the water quality. Other alternatives resulting in lesser or no degradation or lowering of water quality will be considered by Ohio EPA during the review process.

No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by 3745-1-05 of the Antidegradation Rule apply or may be granted by the Director of Ohio EPA.

Starting February 16, 2006, copies of the application for the certification and technical support information may be inspected at Ohio EPA-DSW, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 by first calling (614) 644-2001. Applications can be made available at the Ohio EPA District Offices by calling the same number.

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and public hearing relative to issues of lower water quality on April 6, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Conneaut Public Library, 304 Buffalo Street, Conneaut, Ohio 44030. The public hearing will end when all interested parties have had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the projects.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give written or oral comments on the proposed project and all persons who do so may, at the discretion of the presiding officer, be questioned by others present. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered by the Director of Ohio EPA prior to any further action on the application. Written comments must be received by the Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 by the close of business April 13, 2006. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of the hearing.

Persons wishing to be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, or wish to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration in reviewing the application should do so in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 by the close of business on April 13, 2006.

**Date of Public Notice: February 28, 2006**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 APPLICATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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 certification for a new marina. The application was submitted by Soccerman Ltd., 118 West South Boundary, Suite #1, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. The project is located at 5870 East Bay Shore Road, Danbury Township, Ottawa County, Ohio. The Buffalo District Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number for this project is 2002-0069(2). The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 052433.

As required by the Antidegradation Rule, three alternatives have been submitted for the project. The applicant's proposed preferred alternative, if approved, would impact 8.01 acres of Category 2 Wetlands and discharge approximately 7,500 cubic yards of rip-rap into Sandusky Bay for the construction of a breakwall. The applicant's proposed minimal degradation alternative, if approved, would impact 4.93 acres of Category 2 Wetlands and discharge approximately 7,500 cubic yards of rip-rap into Sandusky Bay for the construction of a breakwall. The applicant's proposed non-degradation alternative, if approved, would have no direct impacts on waters of the state.

The discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of two unnamed wetlands and Sandusky Bay. The review of the application will be conducted, and a decision whether to grant or deny the application will be made, in accordance with Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of the water quality. Other alternatives resulting in lesser or no degradation or lowering of water quality will be considered by Ohio EPA during the review process.

No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by 3745-1-05 of the Antidegradation Rule apply or may be granted by the Director of Ohio EPA.

Starting February 28, 2006, copies of the application for the certification and technical support information may be inspected at Ohio EPA-DSW, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 by first calling (614) 644-2001. Applications can be made available at the Ohio EPA District Offices by calling the same number.

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and public hearing relative to issues of lower water quality on May 2, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Danbury High School Auditorium,

4451 East Harbor Rd., Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440 (Use east entrance). The public hearing will end when all interested parties have had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the projects.

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 the Director of Ohio EPA prior to any further action on the application.

Persons wishing to be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, or wish to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration in reviewing the application should do so in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 by the close of business on May 9, 2006. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of the hearing.

**Date of Public Notice: February 18, 2006**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 APPLICATION**

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 certification for a project to conduct surface mining activities to recover the No. 7 coal seam. The application was submitted by Oxford Mining Company, 544 Chestnut Street, P.O. Box 427, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. The project is located east side of Township Road 29 and the west side of Township Road 28, approximately 0.5 miles east of Gnadenhutten, Rush Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Number for this project is (H) 200400434-1. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management permit number for this project is D-2245. The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 062458.

As required by the Antidegradation Rule, three alternatives have been submitted for the project. The applicant's proposed preferred alternative, if approved, would result in impacts to approximately 4,207 linear feet of intermittent stream channels, 2,658 linear feet of ephemeral stream channels, and 0.02 acres of isolated (non-jurisdictional) wetlands. The applicant's proposed minimal degradation alternative, if approved, would result in impacts to approximately 2,957 linear feet of intermittent stream channels, 2,422 linear feet of ephemeral stream channels, and 0.02 acres of isolated (non-jurisdictional) wetlands. The applicant's proposed non-degradation alternative, if approved, would have no direct impacts on streams or wetlands.

The discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of unnamed tributaries in the Tuscarawas River watershed (HUC 05040001). The review of the application will be conducted, and a decision whether to grant or deny the application will be made, in accordance with Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of the water quality. Other alternatives resulting in lesser or no degradation, or lowering of water quality, will be considered by Ohio EPA during the review process.

No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by Paragraph 3745-1-05 (D) of the Antidegradation Rule (effective as of May 1, 1998), apply or may be granted by the Director of Ohio EPA.

Starting February 18, 2006, copies of the application for the certification and technical

support information may be inspected at Ohio EPA/DSW, Lazarus Government Center, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio, by first calling (614) 644-2001. Applications can be made available at Ohio EPA District Offices by calling the same number.

Persons wishing to 1) be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, 2) request a public hearing, or 3) submit written comments for Ohio EPA's consideration in reviewing the application should do so in writing to Ohio EPA/DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 within 30 days of the date of this public notice.