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LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) improvements project in Lorain, Ohio, which is subject to environmental review requirements. This project is estimated currently to cost about \$1.37 million and expected to receive a standard interest rate WPCLF loan in April 2019.

Project Description: This construction loan project is to fund installing a traveling 1/4" mechanical bar screen at the inlet chamber ahead of where sanitary flow enters the primary settling tanks, and replacing the related slide gates, enclosure, electrical equipment, and flow meter at the WWTP outfall. All proposed improvements will occur within the confines of the city's WWTP.

By completing this proposed project in about 90 days, Lorain expects this bar screen will reduce the size of debris and coarse objects that enter downstream equipment, and eventually become part of the sludge. The traveling bar screen and related improvements listed above will improve efficiency at the WWTP, reduce operation and maintenance activities, and meet the requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code.

As Ohio EPA will be issuing a Limited Environmental Review (LER) document and an accompanying Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) on this project, this notice is to advise the public that it will have through April 2019 in which to access the LER. This public information period will begin with the release of the LER to the public at the city's offices, Ohio EPA's web site, and distribution of the document to interested parties. With this release, the LER document may be viewed at either: the city's offices located at 200 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44052; the city's website; or at Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) website at:

<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa.aspx>

Once there, please scroll down to the "Documents Available for Review and Comment" heading at the bottom of the linked page. Then, please click on the WPCLF Documents for Review and Comment heading to see a list of documents available for downloading. A copy of the referenced LER will be posted there.

On the other hand, if you would like to receive either an electronic copy via email, or a paper copy of the LER document via U.S. mail, please contact Kevin Hinkle of Ohio EPA at either: kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 644-3712.