

OHIO LAKE ERIE PHOSPHORUS TASK FORCE FINAL REPORT

In 2007, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency convene the Ohio Lake Erie Phosphorus Task Force to identify and evaluate potential point and nonpoint sources of phosphorus to Ohio tributaries; determine what practices may have changed since 1995 that could increase dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP) loads; examine various aspects of agriculture that might influence the increase in DRP loads; review the possible/probable relationships of the increased DRP loads to the eutrophication problems that have returned to Lake Erie (particularly the western basin); consider the impacts of zebra and quagga mussels in altering the internal cycling of phosphorus in the lake itself; determine if these issues were unique to Lake Erie or occurring on a broader basis; identify research and monitoring needs; and recommend management actions that could be implemented to alleviate current conditions. They published their final report in 2010.

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