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Transmitted Electronically

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**RE: Buckeye F-0005784 Pipeline
Project Mantua OH
Permit - Intermediate
Correspondence
401 Wetlands
Portage
DSW401263000P**

Subject: Request for coverage under the 401 WQC for the Nationwide Permits
Buckeye F-0005784 Pipeline Project Mantua OH
Ohio EPA ID No. 263000P

Dear Rich Burns:

On August 27, 2026, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) received a notification for coverage under the 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the 2026 Nationwide Permits (NWP) issued on December 15, 2025. You are requesting coverage under the 401 WQC for NWP 12 for your project to repair Line 521 located south of Mennonite Road in Mantua Township in Portage County (41.28120, -81.19665).

Ohio EPA has reviewed the notification materials submitted in accordance with Part One (E) of the 401 WQC for the NWP and has determined that the project does not qualify for coverage under the 401 WQC for the NWP. The 401 for the 2026 nationwide states, “temporary or permanent impacts to category 3 wetlands are limited to less than 0.1 acres for activities involving the repair, maintenance, replacement, or safety upgrades to existing infrastructure...”. The project is proposing impacts to 0.25 acres of Category 3 wetlands. You must submit an individual 401 WQC application to Ohio EPA. The application form and other pertinent information can be found on Ohio EPA’s Division of Surface Water (DSW) [web page](#).

A copy of the 401 WQC for the 2026 Nationwide Permits is available online at:
<https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/35/401/Final-401WQC-2026-NWP.pdf>.

A copy of the 2026 Nationwide Permits for the State of Ohio, including the regional conditions and 401 WQC conditions, is available online [here](#).

Additionally, Ohio EPA evaluated the wetland ORAM scores and determined the appropriate wetland categories in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-1-54. This was done to support your potential Nationwide Permit Application.

Based upon Ohio EPA's review, the assigned wetland categories are:

Wetland ID	ORAM Score	Wetland Category
Mantua Wetland	61	3

This verification will remain valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of this correspondence unless new information warrants revision of the wetland categories before the expiration. If these wetland categories are adopted in a permit or certification decision those assignments will remain valid as long as the permit or certification remains valid.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1120 or via email at Adam.Zaryk@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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