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## Ohio Lake Erie Commission to Hold June Meeting in Sandusky

SANDUSKY -- The Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) will hold its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, June 19, at 10 a.m. at the NASA Plumbrook Station, 6100 Columbus Avenue, Sandusky. The meeting will be followed with a tour of the NASA Space Power Center and Vacuum Chamber.

During the commission meeting, Dr. Patrick Kocovsky of the U.S. Geological Survey will speak about Asian carp and current research and collaborative efforts with the State of Ohio. In addition, commission staff will present the 2013 draft of the *Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan*.

Commission members will be acting on the latest round of grant applications and the allocation of funds and grant guidelines for next year's grant programs.

A box lunch will be available for a fee after the meeting for those who register with the OLEC office via email at [lakeerie@lakeerie.ohio.gov](mailto:lakeerie@lakeerie.ohio.gov) or by calling (419) 621-2040. Following lunch, a tour (approximately 1.5 hours) of the NASA facilities will be offered. NASA guides will lead attendees through the Spacecraft Propulsion Research Facility, the world's only test facility capable of full-scale rocket engine firings and launch vehicle system level tests at high-altitude conditions. The tour also includes the Space Power Facility, the world's largest space environment simulation chamber.

OLEC oversees Ohio's Lake Erie Protection Fund, which is a source of grant money for projects that benefit the Lake Erie watershed economically and environmentally. This fund is supported by Ohioans who purchase a Lake Erie license plate displaying the Marblehead Lighthouse or Toledo Harbor Lighthouse designed by Ohio artist Ben Richmond.

All OLEC meetings are open to the public and include reports from the member state agencies and advisory committees followed by a public comment period. Organizations and citizens are encouraged to attend. Due to the security at the NASA facility, plan on an additional 10 minutes for the security check-in. One form of identification is required for entrance.

OLEC was established for the purpose of preserving Lake Erie's natural resources, protecting the quality of its waters and ecosystem and promoting economic development in the region. The director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency serves as the commission's chairman. Additional members include the directors of the state departments of Transportation, Health, Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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