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Colonel Nicholas O. Melin
Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1000 Liberty Ave
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Subject: Request for Public Hearing Regarding Permit Application LRP-2026-01163

Dear Colonel Melin:

I am writing to respectfully request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hold a public hearing regarding permit application LRP-2026-01163, submitted by Martin Marietta Materials Inc. for the construction of a barge fleeting area along the Ohio River at river mile 8.8 on the northern bank of Neville Island.

This proposal has generated substantial concern among residents of Neville Island, Glenfield, and others who live, recreate, and own property along this section of the Ohio River. Given the significant public interest and the potentially far-reaching impacts of this project, a public hearing is warranted to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to present information, ask questions, and have their concerns fully considered.

Residents have expressed concerns regarding:

- The impact on residential riverfront views and the character of surrounding communities.
- Increased noise, light, and air pollution associated with commercial barges.
- Potential decreases in property values for nearby homeowners.
- Effects on recreational boating, fishing, swimming, and other river-based activities.
- Possible impacts on wildlife habitat.
- Shoreline erosion and river flow changes from the presence of stationary barges.
- Environmental and public safety concerns associated with the possibility of leaks or spills.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers schedule and conduct a public hearing on permit application LRP-2026-01163 before making a final decision regarding this permit.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your commitment to ensuring a thorough and transparent review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie S. Gaydos".

State Representative
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