



Press Advisory

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOT VERY MUCH

- 1) **Trump Wants to Cut Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Money**
and
- 2) **Randy Gardner's "CLEAN LAKE 2020" Money Gets Spent**

[Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie](#) (ACLE) addressed both these issues in extensively-documented statements last year and today we are re-issuing them.

The first issue ([GLRI cuts](#)) is a concern to the lakes, but will have no impact on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in western Lake Erie, if in fact the cuts occur. Twice before, Great Lakes legislators refuted Trump's cuts. For details see this [statement to the U.S. EPA.](#), from June 13, 2018.

The second issue ([Gardner's money](#)) is quite simply a fraud and no cause for celebration. For details, see this [ACLE news release](#), from June 28, 2018.

Mike Ferner, ACLE coordinator, said, "Taxpayers are spending plenty on Lake Erie, but we must start questioning the lack of results. We are spending millions and could be spending billions, but if the money does nothing to correct the causes of our annual HABs, we are simply wasting it.

Gardner's 'Clean Lake 2020' funding does nothing to identify or correct the those causes and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding, while important to the lakes in general, does absolutely nothing to identify and correct the causes of our HAB's.

In fact, when asked directly by an ACLE member, a U.S.EPA official last year admitted GLRI funding cannot be used to identify sources and amounts of pollution under the impaired watershed provisions of the Clean Water Act!

The statements mentioned above go into great detail to explain why."