

## **5.12 COASTAL RESOURCES**

The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), as amended (16 U.S.C. § 1451-1464) provides for preservation, protection, development, and where feasible, restoration or enhancement of the resources within the nation's coastal zones and barriers. Through the CZMA, a Coastal Zone Management Program was established in each coastal state. Based on a review of the Ohio Coastal Management Program,<sup>1</sup> administered by the State of Ohio, Port Columbus International Airport (CMH or Airport) is not located within any defined coastal management area<sup>2</sup> and development of the Sponsor's Proposed Project or its alternatives would not impact coastal resources. The Ohio Coastal Management Program only applies to the shoreline of the Great Lakes located in Northern Ohio.

The Coastal Barriers Act of 1982, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 3501-3510) prohibits, with some exceptions, Federal financial assistance for development within the Coastal Barrier Resource System. Based on a review of the Great Lakes Coastal Barrier Act of 1988 and the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990, no officially-designated or proposed coastal barriers exist in the vicinity of the area of disturbance for any of the alternatives. Therefore, no coastal zones or barriers would be impacted by the Sponsor's Proposed Project or its alternatives.

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<sup>1</sup> *Combined Coastal Management Program and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the State of Ohio*. Volume 1, April 2007, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Date accessed, February 19, 2008, <http://ohiodnr.com/Portals/13/pdf/envirimpact.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> *Ohio's Lake Erie Coast*, accessed August 2007, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Date accessed, February 19, 2008, <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/coastal/gis/designcmarea/tabid/9352/Default.aspx>.