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Docket Management Facility
USCG-2006-2567
U.S. Department of Transportation
Room PL-401, 400 SW
Washington DC 20590-0001

VIA FACSIMILE & E-MAIL

Dear United States Coast Guard Officials:

Please accept these comments on behalf of the City of Muskegon regarding the matter of live ammunition target practice on the Great Lakes. The City of Muskegon is very fortunate to have a United States Coast Guard station within the City and appreciates the good work it does. The City is, however, concerned about the detrimental impact of the live ammunition target practices. We are concerned about the potential dangers associated with these target practices and want to ensure that people enjoying our Great Lakes are safe while doing so.

We are also concerned about the lead that will be deposited in the lakes during the target practices. We cannot afford to contaminate our great natural resources. Each year our City works in conjunction with the federal government (HUD) to accomplish lead-based paint abatement in housing in our City. This is done to protect our families from this serious contaminant. Therefore, we certainly do not want to put that same contaminant in our Great Lakes.

It is for the above reasons that the City of Muskegon opposes the proposed target practices.

We trust you will find an alternative to the exercise of target practice and the use of lead bullets.

Sincerely,

CITY OF MUSKEGON

/s/

Stephen J. Warmington
Mayor

c: City Commission