Decision Will Protect Hoosier Jobs

Columbus, IN—U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today hailing the decision by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a ruling to keep the Chicago and O'Brien Locks open amid the Asian Carp situation. Pence recently toured the Port of Indiana – Burns Harbor and is cosponsoring legislation with U.S. Congressman Pete Visclosky that would require the Army Corps of Engineers to complete a comprehensive economic impact study on the effects of closing the Chicago Area Water System.

"This decision is good news for Hoosier workers. Having just toured the Port of Indiana, I can attest to the fact that closing the Chicago Area Water System would effectively cut-off the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River, cost thousands of jobs and cause great harm to many Hoosiers who manufacture and grow our products.

"Even though the threat of Asian Carp to the Great Lakes region is serious, I believe it is manageable. I will continue to work to find a solution to this problem that protects the ecosystem, commerce and the enjoyment of the Great Lakes."

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