Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA)

Eric Nygaard
Environmental Specialist 3

Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water



Regulatory Confusion

- State Permits
- State 401 Certifications
- Different Standards
- Federal NPDES Remanded





Federal Permit Remand

Treatment Options

WQ-based Conditions





VIDA

 No NPDES Permit Required One Ballast Discharge
 Standard

States Preempted

 Opportunity to Update Standard





VIDA – 2 Versions

Senate

- **IMO** standard
- 10X IMO 8 Years
- Ballast Exchange Continues
 Ballast Exchange Ends

House

- IMO standard
- 10X IMO 7 Years



Ballast Water Exchange

Added – State
 Comments

 Treatment May Not Meet IMO

Recommended
 Exchange Continue





Questions?



