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**BUCKEYE PARTNERS CONSENT SOLICITATION EXTENDED
UNTIL MARCH 31, 2005**

March 9, 2005

Dear Buckeye Partners, L.P. Unitholders:

Buckeye GP LLC, the general partner of Buckeye Partners, L.P. has extended the Expiration Date for the Partnership's Consent Solicitation to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on March 31, 2005.

Our records indicate your vote has not yet been received. Please take a moment right now to ensure that your partnership units are represented as part of this important consent solicitation.

Pursuant to the consent solicitation, you are being asked to approve the 2005 amendment and restatement of the Partnership's Unit Option and Distribution Equivalent Plan.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

We are enclosing an additional proxy card that will allow you to exercise your rights as a Unitholder. As indicated on the proxy card, you may vote by telephone, the internet, or by signing, dating and mailing your proxy card in the envelope provided.

The Board of Directors of Buckeye's general partner has unanimously determined that the amendment to the unit option plan is in the best interests of Buckeye Unitholders and recommends that you vote For the proposal. Because the affirmative vote of Unitholders representing a majority of the units outstanding is required to approve this proposal, not voting on the proposal is equivalent to voting against the proposal.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE VOTE YOUR UNITS TODAY

Please vote by Telephone or Internet Today! Remember every unit and every vote counts! If you have any questions or need a copy of the consent solicitation statement, please call MacKenzie Partners, Inc. at (800) 322-2885 Toll-free or (212) 929-5500 Collect.

Thank you in advance for voting promptly and saving your partnership the cost of additional delays.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Shea, Jr.
William H. Shea, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer and President
Buckeye GP LLC, as General Partner