



June 30, 2005

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the University of Toronto Munk Centre for International Studies, Program on Water Issues and the Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, we invite you to participate in an important meeting on the Great Lakes:

**A BILATERAL WORKSHOP ON THE  
REVISED ANNEX AGREEMENTS  
AND THE FUTURE OF THE GREAT LAKES BASIN**

**July 29, 2005**

**A live Video Conference/Workshop held concurrently at  
the Munk Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto  
and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University**

**9:30 am–2:45 pm EDT**

**with live participation from**

**Wisconsin (8:30 am - 1:45 pm CDT), Illinois (8:30 am - 1:45 pm CDT), New York, and Quebec**

This Bilateral Workshop will provide one of the few opportunities for interactive public comment and dialogue on the Revised Drafts of the Great Lakes Annex 2001 Implementing Agreements during the **60-day public comment period that began on June 30, 2005 and ends August 29, 2005.**

Much has happened since last summer's public release of the first draft of the state-provincial agreement (the Great Lakes Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement) and the US interstate compact (the Great Lakes Basin Water Resources Compact) that will govern water withdrawals from the Great Lakes Basin. Substantially revised versions of both Agreements, which have historic implications for the Great Lake Basin ecosystem and its human and non-human residents, were released on June 30, 2005. But the official public comment period will end as summer does, making it important for interested constituencies, organizations and individuals to promptly analyze the new texts, share information and reach conclusions about these new Agreements.

In this workshop, we hope to exchange information and inform public discussion on the Revised Annex Agreements in a binational, neutral setting. We are arranging for panelists from industry, environmental, legal, academic and other sectors to present their viewpoints on the Revised Agreements in Toronto, Ontario and East Lansing, Michigan and to take questions from

attendees at the host and linked locations. We believe the discussion will help to inform the comments that participants will offer during the formal 60-day public comment period on the Draft Great Lakes Annex 2001 Implementing Agreements.

**Please note that you may download the Annex Agreements at: [www.powi.ca](http://www.powi.ca)**

**A Great Lakes Citizen's Primer on the Annex Agreements may be downloaded at: [Citizen's Primer](#)**

We hope you will join us in Toronto, Ontario, East Lansing, Michigan or at any of the other linked locations around the Great Lakes basin. If you have questions, please contact either of the following:

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**NOTE: THAT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT ALL LOCATIONS.**

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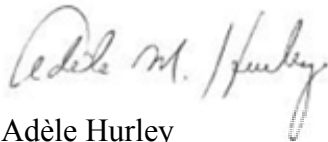
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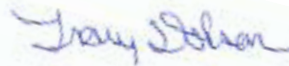
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Yours very truly;



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