

Great Lakes United's plans to work on the Review of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

Information providing

- Establishment of interactive email list serv that allows Great Lakes United to send information to those interested. List members will also be able to send information to the rest of the list
- Monthly updates to the list serv
- Maintenance of an online Agreement document library at www.speakongreatlakes.org

Empowering public comment

- In general, preparing the Great Lakes basin community to participate in the formal public input period, tentatively scheduled by the governments to take place in May or June 2007
- Inform the community of opportunities to make input, including disseminating comment deadlines and addresses and hearing or meeting dates and places
- Create and disseminate positions on Agreement topics for people to consider emphasizing in public comment. Given the stage of the Agreement review, these positions would be in the nature of general directions the Agreement should take, not specific language that should go into the Agreement
- If the governments hold public meetings, work to assure they are well attended
- If the governments do not hold public meetings, hold our own meetings (if we can obtain the money to do so) or organize sessions attached to other events (if we cannot obtain money for standalone meetings)

Policy analysis

- Pending obtaining funding, outline options for the role in a revised Agreement of the International Joint Commission, the Binational Executive Committee or equivalent institution, and the State of the Lakes Ecosystem Conference

Post-comment period

- Continue monthly updates
- Continue monitoring and interaction with the officials of the Agreement Review Committee, the Binational Executive Committee, and the foreign affairs agencies of the two federal governments, the U.S. State Department and Canada's Ministry of Foreign Affairs