

4. implement their respective domestic laws and regulations for vessel discharge, taking into account best-available science; and
5. prohibit, and make subject to penalties, as appropriate, discharges from vessels that are harmful to the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes.

Discharges

The Parties shall address discharges to the Waters of the Great Lakes as follows:

1. prevention of pollution from Oil and Hazardous Polluting Substances:
 - (a) the discharge of a Harmful Quantity of Oil or Hazardous Polluting Substance, including any such quantities as may be contained in Ballast Water, shall be prohibited;
 - (b) as soon as any person in charge has knowledge of any discharge or probable discharge of Harmful Quantities of Oil or Hazardous Polluting Substances, notice of such discharge shall be given to the appropriate agency in the jurisdiction where the discharge occurs; and
 - (c) the programs and measures to be adopted for the prevention of discharges of Harmful Quantities of Oil and Hazardous Polluting Substances shall include:
 - (i) regulations for design, construction, and operation of vessels guided by standards and guidelines developed by the IMO, including the following requirements:
 - (A) that each Vessel shall have a suitable means of containing on board cargo spills of Oil and Hazardous Polluting Substances caused by loading or unloading operations;