

"ANNEX 2

REMEDIAL ACTION PLANS AND
LAKEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLANS1. *Definitions.* As used in this Annex:

- (a) "Area of Concern" means a geographic area that fails to meet the General or Specific Objectives of the Agreement where such failure has caused or is likely to cause impairment of beneficial use or of the area's ability to support aquatic life.
- (b) "Critical Pollutants" means substances that persist at levels that, singly or in synergistic or additive combination, are causing, or are likely to cause, impairment of beneficial uses despite past application of regulatory controls due to their:
 - (i) presence in open lake waters;
 - (ii) ability to cause or contribute to a failure to meet Agreement objectives through their recognized threat to human health and aquatic life; or
 - (iii) ability to bioaccumulate.
- (c) "Impairment of beneficial use(s)" means a change in the chemical, physical or biological integrity of the Great Lakes System sufficient to cause any of the following:
 - (i) restrictions on fish and wildlife consumption;
 - (ii) tainting of fish and wildlife flavour;
 - (iii) degradation of fish and wildlife populations;
 - (iv) fish tumors or other deformities;
 - (v) bird or animal deformities or reproduction problems;
 - (vi) degradation of benthos;
 - (vii) restrictions on dredging activities;
 - (viii) eutrophication or undesirable algae;
 - (ix) restrictions on drinking water consumption, or taste and odor problems;
 - (x) beach closings;
 - (xi) degradation of aesthetics;
 - (xii) added costs to agriculture or industry;
 - (xiii) degradation of phytoplankton and zooplankton populations;
 - (xiv) loss of fish and wildlife habitat; and