

**APPENDIX TO THE
PROTOCOL AMENDING THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY, 1978,
AS AMENDED ON OCTOBER 16, 1983
AND ON NOVEMBER 18, 1987

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ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY, 2012**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (the "Parties"),

ACKNOWLEDGING the vital importance of the Great Lakes to the social and economic well-being of both countries, the close connection between quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes and the environment and human health, as well as the need to address the risks to human health posed by environmental degradation;

REAFFIRMING their determination to protect, restore, and enhance water quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes and their intention to prevent further pollution and degradation of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem;

REAFFIRMING, in a spirit of friendship and cooperation, the rights and obligations of both countries under the *Treaty relating to the Boundary Waters and Questions arising along the Boundary between Canada, and the United States* done at Washington on 11 January 1909 ("Boundary Waters Treaty") and, in particular, the obligation not to pollute boundary waters;

EMPHASIZING the need to strengthen efforts to address new and continuing threats to the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes, including aquatic invasive species, nutrients, chemical substances, discharge from vessels, the climate change impacts, and the loss of habitats and species;

ACKNOWLEDGING that pollutants may enter the Waters of the Great Lakes from air, surface water, groundwater, sediment, runoff from non-point sources, direct discharges and other sources;