

C. Science

Recognizing the interconnection between groundwater and the Waters of the Great Lakes, the Parties, in cooperation and consultation with State and Provincial Governments, Tribal Governments, First Nations, Métis, Municipal Governments, watershed management agencies, other local public agencies, and the Public, shall:

1. identify groundwater impacts on the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Waters of the Great Lakes;
2. analyze contaminants, including nutrients in groundwater, derived from both point and non-point sources impacting the Waters of the Great Lakes;
3. assess information gaps and science needs related to groundwater to protect the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes; and
4. analyze other factors, such as climate change, that individually or cumulatively affect groundwater's impact on the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes.

D. Reporting

The Parties shall report on progress toward implementation of this Annex every three years through the Progress Report of the Parties.