

- (c) "Compatible regulations" means regulations no less restrictive than agreed principles;
- (d) "Great Lakes System" means all of the streams, rivers, lakes and other bodies of water that are within the drainage basin of the St. Lawrence River at or up-stream from the point at which this river becomes the international boundary between Canada and the United States;
- (e) "Harmful quantity" means any quantity of a substance that if discharged into receiving waters would be inconsistent with the achievement of the water quality objectives;
- (f) "Hazardous polluting substance" means any element or compound identified by the Parties which, when discharged in any quantity into or upon receiving waters or adjoining shorelines, presents an imminent and substantial danger to public health or welfare; for this purpose, "public health or welfare" encompasses all factors affecting the health and welfare of man including but not limited to human health, and the conservation and protection of fish, shellfish, wildlife, public and private property, shorelines and beaches;
- (g) "International Joint Commission" or "Commission" means the International Joint Commission established by the Boundary Waters Treaty;
- (h) "Phosphorus" means the element phosphorus present as a constituent of various organic and inorganic complexes and compounds;
- (i) "Specific water quality objective" means the level of a substance or physical effect that the Parties agree, after investigation, to recognize as a maximum or minimum desired limit for a defined body of water or portion thereof, taking into account the beneficial uses of the water that the Parties desire to secure and protect;
- (j) "State and Provincial Governments" means the Governments of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, and the Government of the Province of Ontario;
- (k) "Tributary waters of the Great Lakes System" or "tributary waters" means all the waters of the Great Lakes System that are not boundary waters;
- (l) "Water quality objectives" means the general water quality objectives adopted pursuant to Article II of this Agreement and the specific water quality objectives adopted pursuant to Article III of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

General Water Quality Objectives

The following general water quality objectives for the boundary waters of the Great Lakes System are adopted. These waters should be:

- (a) Free from substances that enter the waters as a result of human activity and that will settle to form putrescent or otherwise objectionable sludge deposits, or that will adversely affect aquatic life or waterfowl;
- (b) Free from floating debris, oil, scum and other floating materials entering the waters as a result of human activity in amounts sufficient to be unsightly or deleterious;