

ANNEX 2

LAKEWIDE MANAGEMENT

A. Purpose

The purpose of this Annex is to contribute to the achievement of the General and Specific Objectives of this Agreement by assessing the status of each Great Lake, and by addressing environmental stressors that adversely affect the Waters of the Great Lakes which are best addressed on a lakewide scale through an ecosystem approach.

B. Programs and Other Measures

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 undertake the following lakewide management actions:

1. establish Lake Ecosystem Objectives as a benchmark against which to assess status and trends in water quality and lake ecosystem health;
2. assemble, assess and report on existing scientific information concerning the state of the waters of each Great Lake including current and future potential threats to water quality;
3. identify research, monitoring and other science priorities for the assessment of current and future potential threats to water quality, and for the identification of priorities to support management actions;
4. conduct surveys, inventories, studies and outreach activities as required to support the above assessments;