

- (iii) oil and gas pipelines;
- (iv) oil and gas drilling;
- (v) refineries; power plants;
- (vi) nuclear facilities;
- (vii) hazardous waste storage;
- (viii) treatment or disposal facilities; and
- (ix) other categories of activities identified by the Parties.

ARTICLE 7

The International Joint Commission

1. The Parties agree that, pursuant to Article IX of the Boundary Waters Treaty, the Commission shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) analyzing and disseminating data and information obtained from the Parties, State and Provincial Governments, Tribal Governments, First Nations, Métis, Municipal Governments, watershed management agencies, other local public agencies, and the Public, relating to the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes and to the pollution that enters the boundary waters from tributary waters and other sources. The Commission shall have authority to verify independently such data and information through tests or other means that it deems appropriate, in accordance with the Boundary Waters Treaty and with applicable laws;
- (b) analyzing and disseminating data and information about the General Objectives, Lake Ecosystem Objectives and Substance Objectives, and about the operation and effectiveness of the programs and other measures established pursuant to this Agreement;