

TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR THE JOINT INSTITUTIONS AND THE GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE

1. *Great Lakes Water Quality Board*

- (a) This Board shall be the principal advisor to the International Joint Commission with regard to the exercise of all the functions, powers and responsibilities (other than those functions and responsibilities of the Science Advisory Board pursuant to paragraph 2 of these Terms of Reference) assigned to the Commission under this Agreement. In addition, the Board shall carry out such other functions, related to the water quality of the boundary waters of the Great Lakes System, as the Commission may request from time to time.
- (b) The Water Quality Board, at the direction of the Commission, shall:
 - (i) Make recommendations on the development and implementation of programs to achieve the purpose of this Agreement;
 - (ii) Assemble and evaluate information evolving from such programs;
 - (iii) Identify deficiencies in the scope and funding of such programs and evaluate the adequacy and compatibility of results;
 - (iv) Examine the appropriateness of such programs in the light of present and future socio-economic imperatives; and
 - (v) Advise the Commission on the progress and effectiveness of such programs and submit appropriate recommendations.
- (c) The Water Quality Board, on behalf of the Commission, shall undertake liaison and coordination between the institutions established under this Agreement and other institutions and jurisdictions which may address concerns relevant to the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem so as to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated approach to planning and to the resolution of problems, both current and anticipated.
- (d) The Water Quality Board shall report to the Commission periodically as appropriate, or as required by the Commission, on all aspects relating to the operation and effectiveness of this Agreement.

2. *Great Lakes Science Advisory Board*

- (a) This Board shall be the scientific advisor to the Commission and the Water Quality Board.
- (b) The Science Advisory Board shall be responsible for developing recommendations on all matters related to research and the development of scientific knowledge pertinent to the identification, evaluation and resolution of current and anticipated problems related to Great Lakes water quality.
- (c) To effect these responsibilities the Science Advisory Board shall: