

- (vi) be free from nutrients that directly or indirectly enter the water as a result of human activity, in amounts that promote growth of algae and cyanobacteria that interfere with aquatic ecosystem health, or human use of the ecosystem;
- (vii) be free from the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species and free from the introduction and spread of terrestrial invasive species that adversely impact the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes;
- (viii) be free from the harmful impact of contaminated groundwater; and
- (ix) be free from other substances, materials or conditions that may negatively impact the chemical, physical or biological integrity of the Waters of the Great Lakes;

**(b) SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

The Parties, to help achieve the General Objectives, shall, in cooperation and consultation with State and Provincial Governments, Tribal Governments, First Nations, Métis, Municipal Governments, watershed management agencies, other local public agencies, downstream jurisdictions, and the Public, identify and work to attain Specific Objectives for the Waters of the Great Lakes, including:

**(i) LAKE ECOSYSTEM OBJECTIVES**

Lake Ecosystem Objectives shall be established for each Great Lake, including its connecting river systems, that:

- (A) are binational, except for Lake Michigan, where the Government of the United States shall have sole responsibility;
- (B) specify interim or long term ecological conditions necessary to achieve the General Objectives of this Agreement;
- (C) may be narrative or numeric in nature;