

- (l) providing to the Parties, at any time, special reports concerning any problem relating to the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes;
- (m) submitting to the Parties, for their review and approval, an annual budget of anticipated expenses for carrying out its responsibilities under this Agreement. Each Party shall seek funds to pay half of the approved annual budget. A Party shall not be obliged to pay a larger amount than the other Party;
- (n) providing any requested data or information, furnished to the Commission in accordance with this Article, to the Parties or State and Provincial Governments, Tribal Governments, First Nations, Métis, Municipal Governments, watershed management agencies, other local public agencies, downstream jurisdictions, or the Public; and
- (o) publishing any report, statement, or other document prepared in the discharge the Commission's functions under this Agreement.

2. A Party shall provide any available data or other information relating to the quality of the Waters of the Great Lakes if it is requested by the Commission. The Party shall disclose the information, subject to national security considerations, information-sharing laws, and privacy laws, regulations, and policies.

3. When discharging its responsibilities under this Agreement, the Commission may exercise all of the powers conferred to it by the Boundary Waters Treaty and by any legislation passed pursuant thereto, including the power to conduct public hearings and to compel the testimony of witnesses, and the production of documents.

4. The Parties shall enable the Commission to make available to the Public all advice and recommendations made by the Commission to the Parties pursuant to this Article.

5. In addition to the responsibilities outlined in this Article, the Commission has specific roles and responsibilities pursuant to Annex 1 - Areas of Concern; Annex 2 - Lakewide Management; Annex 5 - Discharges from Vessels; and Annex 10 - Science, of this Agreement.