

- (o) virtual elimination – adopting the principle of virtual elimination for elimination of releases of chemicals of mutual concern, as appropriate; and
- (p) zero discharge – adopting the philosophy of zero discharge for control of releases of chemicals of mutual concern, as appropriate.

ARTICLE 3

General and Specific Objectives

1. The Parties, in achieving the purpose of this Agreement, shall work to attain the following General and Specific Objectives, and are guided by the Principles and Approaches identified in Article 2:

(a) **GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

The Parties adopt the following General Objectives. The Waters of the Great Lakes should:

- (i) be a source of safe, high-quality drinking water;
- (ii) allow for swimming and other recreational use, unrestricted by environmental quality concerns;
- (iii) allow for human consumption of fish and wildlife unrestricted by concerns due to harmful pollutants;
- (iv) be free from pollutants in quantities or concentrations that could be harmful to human health, wildlife, or aquatic organisms, through direct exposure or indirect exposure through the food chain;
- (v) support healthy and productive wetlands and other habitats to sustain resilient populations of native species;