

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

In this Agreement:

- (a) "Boundary Waters Treaty" means the *Treaty relating to the Boundary Waters and Questions arising along the Boundary between Canada and the United States*, done at Washington on 11 January 1909;
- (b) "General Objectives" means broad descriptions of water quality conditions consistent with the protection of the level of environmental quality which the Parties desire to secure and which will provide a basis for overall water management guidance;
- (c) "Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem" means the interacting components of air, land, water and living organisms, including humans, and all of the streams, rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water, including groundwater, that are in the drainage basin of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River at the international boundary or upstream from the point at which this river becomes the international boundary between Canada and the United States;
- (d) "International Joint Commission" or "Commission" means the International Joint Commission established by the Boundary Waters Treaty;
- (e) "Municipal Government" means a local government created by a Province or State situated within the Great Lakes basin;
- (f) "Public" means individuals and organizations such as public interest groups, researchers and research institutions, and businesses and other non-governmental entities;
- (g) "State and Provincial Governments" means the Governments of the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Wisconsin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Government of the Province of Ontario;