

issues. The need for some type of forum to discuss Great Lakes issues and to continue working together was voiced by a couple of participants. Several visitors were impressed by the Hamilton Remedial Action Plan and tried to draw conclusions about any lessons that could be applied elsewhere. This session ended with a discussion on the difficulty in finding the right mix of regulation and voluntary action.

## Conclusion

The **Canada-United States Legislative Visits Program** has a two-fold mandate: to increase the knowledge of U.S. legislators and staffers on a specific issue and to foster mutual understanding. This visit provided nine Congressional staffers from Great Lakes states with an opportunity to learn at firsthand about the Canadian approach to dealing with Great Lakes issues, especially, air quality. It also demonstrated the nature and extent of the Canadian commitment to protection of the Great Lakes. At the same time, the visit helped to build awareness among U.S. staffers of the nature and extent of the close, interdependent economic relationship between our two countries as well as the dynamics of the Canadian political system.