

The meeting took particular note of a number of specific recommendations arising out of the Commission's on-going study of pollution from land-use activity. It was recognized that these would require careful examination by the various jurisdictions concerned.

United States officials also pointed out that EPA's Chicago office is encouraging the development of sediment control legislation by conducting state level sediment and erosion control conferences jointly with the National Association Conservation Districts. This effort responds to the IJC recommendation that the governments enact effective sediment control legislation with emphasis on urban and suburban areas. To date in the Great Lakes Basin, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania have enacted such legislation. Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, New York and Wisconsin are now drafting such legislation.

Also discussed at the meeting were current efforts to refine the objective for radioactivity contained in the agreement, Canada-United States consultations aimed at developing an agreed list of hazardous substances and the recent promulgation of Canadian regulations designed to increase vessel safety on the Great Lakes.

At the close of the meeting both sides expressed satisfaction with the long term outlook for the Lakes in response to remedial programs being undertaken by both countries under the agreement.

Robert Funseth, Counsellor for Political Affairs, United States Embassy and Fitzhugh Green, Associate Administrator for International Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency, were co-chairmen of the 22-person United States delegation representing federal and state agencies concerned with the implementation of the Agreement, including the United States Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, United States Coast Guard, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Great Lakes Basin Commission, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The Canadian delegation included representatives of the Departments of External Affairs, Environment, Transport, Health and Welfare, and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. Observers from both the Canadian and United States sections of the International Joint Commission also participated.