

**Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement**  
**Proposed Article 6(c) Notification Process**

May 23, 2014

1. The Canadian and U.S. GLEC Secretariats will send an e-mail to GLEC members four times each year soliciting the following information about planned activities, within each member's respective jurisdictional authority, that may require notification under Article 6(c) of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement:
  - (a) Description of the planned activity;
  - (b) Contact information of lead agency/organization and if applicable, a short description of opportunities to provide input and pertinent deadlines for comment; and
  - (c) Name of entity providing the notification.
2. The Secretariat will provide all information received in response to the quarterly solicitations to the GLEC Co-Chairs for review.
3. Canada and/or the U.S., through the GLEC Secretaries, will formally notify the other Party and the GLEC, including observers, via email regarding any planned activities that could lead to a pollution incident or that could have a significant cumulative impact on the Waters of the Great Lakes.

For purposes of this notification process:

- "Planned activities" – Are actions that are under development or events that are likely to occur within the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem.
- "Pollution incident" – Is a release of a pollutant of a magnitude that potentially compromises the chemical, physical, or biological integrity of the Waters of the Great Lakes, or potentially hinders the achievement of one or more of the General Objectives of the Agreement.
- "Significant cumulative impact" – Is the effect of an action or event that either individually, or incrementally when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions or events, may compromise the chemical, physical, or biological integrity of the Waters of the Great Lakes, or may hinder the achievement of one or more of the General Objectives of the Agreement.