



## GREAT LAKES INDUSTRY UPDATE

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*CGLI's quarterly newsletter is intended to provide brief updates on issues and topics that impact industry.*

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### **COMMENTARY: Predicting, Preventing and Addressing Long-Term Threats to the Great Lakes**

CGLI recently was asked whether we perceive any imminent or long-term threats to the Great Lakes that deserve more attention, and whether we can suggest an “early warning system” that can be implemented to help the Great Lakes policy community anticipate threats to the lakes before they cause significant harm.

In our view, government programs already are addressing imminent threats to the lakes, and the many organizations that comprise the region’s complex governance framework supplement government programs when necessary to identify and address new or previously unseen challenges. However, the region faces potential long-term challenges that may require the region’s sustained attention. [Read more.](#)

### **CGLI and other Great Lakes stakeholder organizations issue a Great Lakes Protection and Restoration Presidential Campaign Platform**

CGLI and other key Great Lakes stakeholder organizations issued a Great Lakes Protection and Restoration Presidential Campaign Platform on March 2, 2016 that asks US Presidential candidates

### ***About CGLI***

*CGLI promotes the economic growth and vitality of the region in harmony with its human and natural resources (sustainable development).*

*CGLI works to ensure that industry is a substantive partner in the development of the Great Lakes regional policy. CGLI provides industry’s perspective in collaborative efforts to protect the region’s shared freshwater resources.*

*As a coordinated voice*

to affirm a commitment to protecting and restoring the Great Lakes. The last two presidents - former President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama - made Great Lakes restoration a national priority in their administrations. As a result, over the last seven years the US federal government has invested over \$2 billion in more than 2,900 local restoration projects that are addressing environmental challenges in the eight Great Lakes states. [Read more.](#)

### [Great Lakes Blue Accounting Initiative Launches Three Pilot Projects](#)

Three pilot projects are being developed to demonstrate the strategic importance and effectiveness of the Great Lakes Blue Accounting initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to enable the Great Lakes community to create consensus-based goals for Great Lakes water resources management, identify strategic actions for achieving the goals and select process metrics for tracking progress, and create logical and efficient data and information flow to support strategic regional activities.

CGLI helped coordinate the task group that developed the Blue Accounting program and now serves on the Blue Accounting Advisory Committee. [Read more.](#)

### [Alliance for Water Stewardship offers Training in International Water Stewardship Standard](#)

The Alliance for Water Stewardship is offering a two-day training course for individuals interested in applying the International Water Stewardship Standard within their organization. AWS developed the standard to help industrial, agricultural, and municipal organizations identify and address water risks and opportunities. A third day of training is offered for individuals interested in becoming an AWS-accredited trainer, consultant, or auditor.

The training is being held at the Global Water Center in Milwaukee, WI from April 26-28. More information about the training is available on by contacting Matt Howard, Director of Alliance for Water Stewardship - North America, at [mhoward@thewatercouncil.com](mailto:mhoward@thewatercouncil.com). Registration for the training is available on the [AWS website](#).

### [US Business Leaders Hosting the US/Canada Summit](#)

Business leaders in the US are hosting a three-day summit to discuss the future of the cross-border trade relationship between the US and Canada. The Summit will focus on “Strategies, Advocacy, Gateways, and Engagement” and will be held at The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH) on June 15-17, 2016. Summit sessions will include discussions on Canada-US key industries (automotive, aerospace, agribusiness, energy, and consumer products) and expanded cross-border trade in information technology, labor mobility, regional wellness, and infrastructure development.

Key deliverables from the Summit will specific actionable recommendations for the new US and Canadian governments,

*for industry, CGLI creates an opportunity for industries to contribute to and engage in both Great Lakes protection and restoration, and to preserve and enhance the region’s economy.*

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and suggestions for networking organizations that work on Canada/US issues to streamline activities and coordinate key “on the ground” initiatives.

The Summit is being organized by a Council that includes more than 40 Canada-US business associations (including CGLI). Information about the Summit is available at <http://glenn.osu.edu/sage/>.

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