



Promoting the economic growth and vitality of the Great Lakes region in harmony with its natural resources.

## 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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### **Great Lakes states and provinces commences review of first application for out of basin water diversion**

On January 7, 2016, the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers began reviewing an application submitted by the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin for a public water supply from Lake Michigan. The City, which is located outside the Great Lakes basin but in a county that straddles the basin divide, seeks to divert up to 10.1 million gallons of water per day from Lake Michigan for public use because groundwater previously used by the City is contaminated with radium. The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Water Resources Compact and Agreement bans diversions of water outside the Great Lakes basin unless certain relatively stringent criteria are met.

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### **CGLI convenes Industry Work Group to provide input to the Governors' and Premiers' Maritime Transportation Strategy**

CGLI has convened an industry work group to review and provide input on the Great Lakes Governors' and Premiers' maritime transportation system strategy. In June 2015, the Governors and Premiers established the goal of creating a comprehensive regional strategy for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Maritime Transportation System (GLMTS). The goal of the maritime transportation system strategy is to double

### **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 for industry, CGLI*

maritime trade and support the region's industrial core while reducing the system's overall environmental footprint. The strategy will include policy and recommendations to federal, state, and provincial governments for maintaining and improving regional maritime assets to enable industry to transport goods produced and manufactured in the region even more efficiently.

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### **Final Chemicals of Mutual Concern designations expected in February**

The Great Lakes Executive Committee (GLEC) has finalized the first round of chemicals of mutual concern (CMC) under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA), but has not yet announced its final decision. The recommendations include the following eight chemicals: hexachlorobutadiene (HBCD), long-chain perfluorinated carboxylic acids (PFCA), mercury, polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and short chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCP). The GLEC is expected to make the final announcement in mid-February.

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### **CGLI planning a Great Lakes Sustainability Collaborative**

CGLI is seeking industry representatives to participate in a new Great Lakes Sustainability Collaborative. The purpose of the Collaborative will be to identify the relevant economics, structures, and processes that define sustainability in the Great Lakes region; to provide an opportunity for companies to work together to elevate the importance of sustainability in this globally-important region; and to demonstrate natural resource stewardship in global markets. The Collaborative will complement sustainable business councils and forums within the region by focusing on the sustainability of the region as a whole and by engaging large companies who are recognized sustainability leaders as founding members.

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### **CGLI in Action**

- **Northeast-Midwest Institute Summit (Washington DC):** On February 3-4, CGLI will be in Washington to participate in a summit sponsored by the Northeast Midwest Institute's Great Lakes program. The purpose of the Summit is to provide an opportunity for Congressional offices to share information on Great Lakes initiative directly with stakeholders.
- **Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting and Great Lakes Day (Washington DC):** CGLI is an observer to the Great Lakes Commission and will attend the Commission's Semiannual Meeting and Great Lakes Day in Washington DC on February 23-25. The meeting will address such topics as binational cooperation between the US and Canada under the new Trudeau

*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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Administration, excess nutrient discharges, and the region's adjustment to a "low carbon future" in the wake of the Paris climate talks. Great Lakes Day provides an opportunity for Great Lakes stakeholder organizations to visit Congressional offices to advocate for Great Lakes issues.

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