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CGLI’s newsletter provides a brief update on issues and topics that impact industry in the Great Lakes region.

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**CGLI’s engagement in industrial water stewardship highlighted at AWS Forum**

Dale Phenicie, CGLI’s representative on the Technical Committee for the Alliance for Water Stewardship, was interviewed by European news outlet OOSKAnews.com while attending the Global Water Stewardship Forum in Edinburgh, Scotland in November 2016. During the interview, Dale described Great Lakes industry’s long involvement in industrial water stewardship and in helping to develop the AWS International Water Stewardship Standard as a means of ensuring continued access to Great lakes water resources. Watch a video of the interview [here](#).

**NGOs seek impairment designation for Western Lake Erie Basin**

Last month, a coalition of environmental and business groups issued a notice of intent to sue EPA to force the agency to approve or disapprove impaired water designations submitted by the states of Michigan and Ohio under Section 303(d) of the

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**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
Clean Water Act. The coalition, which includes the Alliance for the Great Lakes, Lake Erie Charter Boat Association, Lake Erie Foundation, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, National Wildlife Federation, and the Ohio Environmental Council, contend that EPA has failed to perform its duty to approve or disprove the lists, which has delayed actions that EPA otherwise could be taken to address harmful algal blooms in the Western Basin of Lake Erie. EPA has until mid-February to take action before the coalition can bring a citizen suit under the CWA. Read more

**CGLI and LimnoTech to highlight industry data needs and interests at IAGLR Conference**

CGLI has partnered with LimnoTech to organize a series of speakers and a panel discussion at the upcoming 60th Annual Conference on Great Lakes Research to be held at Cobo Hall in Detroit, MI from May 16 to 19, 2017. The goal of the session is to discuss how industry intersects with the Great Lakes, industry’s unique data needs, and any recent monitoring data or research collected by industry that might further our understanding of the Great Lakes ecosystem. Presentation abstracts for the session cover such diverse topics as

- the risk assessment and monitoring of thermal discharge from industrial and power generating facilities,
- the intersection of aquatic sciences and the forest products industry,
- using data to make the business case for industrial water stewardship, and
- using Great Lakes Blue Accounting to track environmental, social and economic progress in the Great Lakes region.

More information about the conference is available [here](#).

**Binational chemical management strategies for PCBs and HBCD in development**

EPA and Environment and Climate Change Canada are preparing draft management strategies for addressing two chemicals of mutual concern (CMCs) that were identified under Annex 3 of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD)). CGLI’s Chemical Management Work Group is reviewing early drafts of the strategies, which summarize past and current management actions and propose additional actions to mitigate risk and manage the chemicals in the Great Lakes basin. When finalized, the draft strategies will be used as template documents for four other substance groups that have been identified as CMCs. Read more

**Join CGLI!**
Proactive private sector engagement is critical to the economic vitality of the Great Lakes region as current issues are addressed and new public policy issues emerge. Contact us today to see how you can extend your company’s public policy capability by engaging with CGLI to advance the industry agenda in Great Lakes policy discussions. One of our key focus areas in 2017 will be regional sustainability - what “sustainability” means in the context of a region with abundant supplies of fresh water and comprehensive governance, and how companies can supplement existing sustainability strategies to further regional priorities. Non-member subscriptions to CGLI’s Chemical Management Work Group also are available. Information about membership in CGLI is available [here](#).

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