GREAT LAKES INDUSTRY UPDATE
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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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**USACE study evaluates options for controlling Asian carp**
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has released a study that evaluates six alternatives for controlling the one-way, upstream transfer of ANS from the Mississippi River basin into the Great Lakes basin at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, IL. USACE used various criteria to compare the alternatives and tentatively selected an option that includes (among other things) additional electric barriers and complex noise to deter fish from slipping through the lock. [Read more.]

**CGLI and its partners receive grant for Great Lakes Sustainability Initiative**
The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation has approved CGLI’s application for a grant that will support the Great Lakes Sustainability Initiative. The initiative will provide industry an opportunity to develop a framework, set of principles, suite of metrics, general guidelines, or some other mechanism that embodies principles of sustainability specific to the Great Lakes region. Along with CGLI, the project team for the initiative will include the Pinero Group (formerly Sr. VP of Sustainability for Veolia NA), the Meridian Institute, and the Council of the Great Lakes Region. Contact us for more information.

**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
Great Lakes Commission adopts a resolution that addresses “chemicals of emerging concern”

At its recent annual meeting in Duluth, the Great Lakes Commission adopted a resolution that urges action related to chemicals of emerging concern (CECs). The resolution defines CECs as “a wide variety of compounds that are present in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence river basin that are not widely or consistently regulated,” and highlights polybrominated diphenyl ethers, perfluorinated compounds, pharmaceuticals, 1,4-Dioxane, and microplastics as examples. Read more.

CIGLR offers opportunity for research partnerships

A new research institute in the Great Lakes region (the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research, or CIGLR) is partnering with industry and other partners and affiliates to develop a research agenda for the Great Lakes. CIGLR was created in June 2017 with a $20 million grant from NOAA to increase collaboration among government, academic, NGO, and industry researchers that are focused on Great Lakes issues. CIGLR’s research priorities include a wide range of Great Lakes issues, including issues that impact the human dimension of the Great Lakes system. Read more.

Introducing Todd Schmidt, Chemical Management Specialist

Todd Schmidt of TRC Environmental Solutions, Inc. (TRC) has joined CGLI to work on CGLI’s chemical management agenda and the Chemical Management Work Group. TRC is an engineering, environmental consulting and construction management firm that provides professional services to the power, oil and gas, environmental and infrastructure markets. Todd has almost 20 years of facility-level management experience in various technical areas from water resources to chemical program management, including more than 10 years working on environmental management in the pulp and paper sector.

Join CGLI!

Proactive private sector engagement is critical to promoting the economic vitality of the Great Lakes region as new public policy challenges emerge. CGLI extends your company’s public policy capability by keeping on top of developments in Great Lakes policy and advancing the common interests of industry in the region. CGLI also engages in projects and initiatives that promote economic vitality and illustrate industry’s commitment to water stewardship and Great Lakes protection and restoration. Contact us today to learn more about membership in CGLI. Non-member subscriptions to CGLI’s Chemical Management Work Group also are available. Information about membership in CGLI is available here.