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Ms. Carol Browner
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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Browner:

Thank you for releasing the Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance to the public. Your quick action and understanding of the issues shows that you are committed to ecosystem protection and restoring the Great Lakes. This is timely given the water pollution crisis in cities like Milwaukee. We will work to get constructive comments in before the 150 day deadline.

We are writing to ask you to join government, citizen, and community leaders from around the Great Lakes at the biennial meeting of the International Joint Commission to be held in Windsor, Ontario, October 22-24.

This is a great opportunity for you to showcase the ecosystem protection strategies of the Clinton/Gore Administration before an international forum that is closely watched in all Great Lakes states. In the past, hundreds of citizens and officials have made this the most important Great Lakes meeting of the year.

During the meeting, we would like to take you on a tour of the toxic areas near Windsor. This is a chance for you to see first-hand the ecosystem destruction that is taking place in the Great Lakes. A draft agenda for the meeting is included.

It also underscores the need for an ecosystem plan to protect the Great Lakes and the 45 million people living there. We urge the EPA and Administration to develop and introduce a comprehensive Clean Water Act reauthorization proposal. The proposal should emphasize pollution prevention, phase out certain especially damaging chemicals, include non-point source pollution control, protect wetlands, and clean-up toxic sediments.

We also look forward to meeting with key officials that are responsible for the Great Lakes, particularly the Assistant Administrators for Water and Air, Region V Administrator, and International Joint Commissioners.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it lands otherwise." —Aldo Leopold

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We would like to meet with these individuals to discuss Great Lakes issues of concern during our annual Great Lakes Washington Week, June 19-22 in Washington. We have sent a letter under separate heading requesting these meetings.

We hope to be able to meet with you this spring to discuss Great Lakes concerns, give you additional details on these issues, and continue the EPA's leadership on Great Lakes issues.

Please feel free to call Brett Hulsey (608) 257-1994 or ??? if you have any questions about Great Lakes matters.

Very truly yours,

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