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To Interested Parties,

The Four Parties (Environment Canada, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) are currently evaluating their progress of meeting the commitments made in the 1987 Niagara River *Declaration of Intent*. The Four Parties are also developing a report about future Four Party efforts for the Niagara River.

Enclosed is a short questionnaire asking for your suggestions about what the Four Parties need to consider during their evaluation and planning process. **Please take a few moments to complete the form - your input will be valuable to the Four Parties. Please return the questionnaire by October 20, 1994.**

Beyond seeking public input through the questionnaire, the Four Parties are planning a **public meeting on December 8, 1994**. The meeting will include open discussions about future goals for the Niagara River. Further details about this meeting will be forthcoming. Please indicate, in the space provided on the survey form, if you are interested in receiving meeting materials and/or attending the meeting.

Also enclosed for your information are:

- A list of recent Niagara River documents
- The text of *The Report of the Niagara River Secretariat Relative to the Status of Commitments Under the Niagara River Declaration of Intent*, June 1994
- *The Declaration of Intent Relating to the Niagara River*

If you are interested in receiving copies of any of the listed documents, please direct your request to:

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4. How would you like to participate in additional discussions about the future of the Niagara River? (Check all that apply)

- attend public meetings or workshops
- provide additional input through questionnaires
- host a discussion on Niagara River issues
- other (please specify below)

5. Please indicate your preference for receiving information about the public meeting on December 8, 1994: (Check one)

- send meeting materials - I am planning to attend
- send meeting materials - I will not be attending
- do not send meeting materials - I will not be attending

6. Please fill out your contact information below:

Name: _____

Affiliation (if any): _____

Address: _____

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A List of Recent Niagara River Documents That Are Now Available
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- *Joint Evaluation of Upstream/Downstream Niagara River Monitoring Data, 1991-1992* (Data Interpretation Group/River Monitoring Committee)
- *Reduction Of Toxics Loadings To The Niagara River From Hazardous Waste Sites In The United States: A Progress Report, June 1994* (USEPA and NYSDEC)
- *Update Report: Reduction of Toxic Chemicals from Ontario Point Sources Discharging To The Niagara River, 1992* (Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy)
- *Preliminary Technical Report On The Niagara River Mussel Biomonitoring Survey, 1993* (Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy)
- *Environmental Investigation: Niagara River Shorewells* (Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy)
- *Options For The Remediation Of Environmental Problems In The Niagara River (Ontario) Area of Concern* (Niagara River Remedial Action Plan Team)