

~~~~~Invitation to Annex 2001

Workshop~~~~~

Friday, October 15, 2004 (9:30 am to 1:30 pm)

Quaker Friends House

60 Lowther Avenue,

Two blocks north of Bloor, 1 block west of Avenue Road

Toronto, Ontario

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Over the past several weeks, Ontarians have expressed their concerns about the two agreements collectively known as Annex 2001. The Council of Great Lakes Governors and the Premiers of Quebec and Ontario released these agreements for public review on July 19, 2004 for a ninety-day review period ending October 18th. It is our hope that the Ontario government will extend the comment period to allow more people to respond to these important drafts. To assist people with their responses, the Canadian Environmental Law Association is proposing to hold a workshop to further review and discuss these two agreements. CELA believes that a strong public response has the potential to improve the regimes being proposed and that it is important to spend the time now to protect the Great Lakes in the long-term.

If you will be attending our workshop, please email us at millers@lao.on.ca. or phone to register at 416) 960 2284 ex. 213 so that we can order lunch for you.

Admission is free.

Attached is a list of sources for further information.

For CELA background

<http://www.cela.ca/publications/cardfile.shtml?x=1980>

How to Get Involved & Resource Pointers:

1. Visit the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources web site:
<<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/water/greatlakes/index.html>>
<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/water/greatlakes/index.html>
2. Read the Draft Great Lakes Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement, a good faith agreement between the eight Great Lake States and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec:
<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/StateProvincialAgreement.pdf>
http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/StateProvincialAgreement.pdf
3. Read the Draft Great Lakes Basin Water Resources Compact, a binding agreement between the 8 Great Lake States:
<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/InterStateCompact.pdf>
http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/InterStateCompact.pdf
4. Read the International Joint Commission's Protection of the Waters of the Great Lakes - Review of the Recommendations in the February 2000 Report a good yardstick to compare against drafts of the Annex: <<http://www.ijc.org/php/publications/pdf/ID1560.pdf>>
<http://www.ijc.org/php/publications/pdf/ID1560.pdf>
5. Visit the Great Lakes basin environmental protection groups web site: <<http://www.speakongreatlakes.org/>>
<http://www.speakongreatlakes.org> which has a lot of information,

although most is from a US perspective.

6. Visit the Waterhole website:

<http://www.thewaterhole.ca/twp/glcannex2001.htm>

<<http://www.thewaterhole.ca/twp/glcannex2001.htm>> for more resource pointers.

7. Other Supporting Documents:

Council of Great Lakes Governors Introductory Statement:

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/PublicComment.pdf>

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/PublicComment.pdf

Great Lakes Basin Map:

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/GreatLakesBasinMap.pdf>

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/GreatLakesBasinMap.pdf

Great Lakes Charter, 1985:

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/Charter1985.pdf>

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/Charter1985.pdf

Great Lakes Charter Annex 2001:

<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/Annex2001.pdf>

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/ebr/gl_charter/Annex2001.pdf

To read what critics of the Annex say:

<http://www.powi.ca/>

<http://www.sierraclub.ca/national/getinvolved/item.shtml?x=729>

How to make Comments

1. The draft agreements are posted until October 18, 2004, on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry for public comment at

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/ebr/english/index.htm>

www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/ebr/english/index.htm (Registry

Number <<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envregistry/023323ep.htm>> PB04E6018).

If you wish to comment on the draft agreements, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources by fax at (705) 755-1267, or by mail to:

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2. You should also send comments to the Council of Great Lakes Governors directly by e-mail at <<mailto:Annex2001@cglg.org>>

Annex2001@cglg.org (electronic comments will be posted to the Council of Great Lakes Governors website at <http://www.cglg.org/> <http://www.cglg.org>), by fax at (312) 407-0038, or by mail to:

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3. You can also visit and engage in discussion at the new International Joint Commission bulletin board discussion room <http://www.ijc.org/rel/boards/board/en/index.php>
<http://www.ijc.org/rel/boards/board/en/index.php>

There is also a discussion room specifically for students:
http://www.ijc.org/rel/boards/board_youth/en/index.php
http://www.ijc.org/rel/boards/board_youth/en/index.php