



June 17, 2015

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of the Environment
Member of Parliament for Nunavut (Nunavut)
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
10 Wellington Street, 28th Floor
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The Honorable Gina McCarthy, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy and Minister Aglukkaq:

The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (Cities Initiative) is eager to move forward with you and other partners to achieve nutrient loading reductions to Lake Erie to help solve the algal bloom and drinking water contamination problems. Very good progress has been made under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement process to determine the proper load reductions, but it is now time to make them public and official. With the International Joint Commission proposals public for over a year, and the Governors of Ohio and Michigan and the Premier of Ontario last week committing to a 40 percent reduction in loading to the western basin of Lake Erie in the next ten years, we need the Federal governments to join in.

With the goals and timelines agreed upon, we can move forward with appropriate reductions from municipal, agricultural, and industrial sources. Cities have done a great deal over the past forty years to reduce nutrient loadings, and are prepared to contribute its fair share of additional reductions. Others much step forward, as well. There are many practices currently in use that are effective, but need to be expanded to a much broader group of sources.

We would like to work cooperatively with you and others partners to advance nutrient reductions as soon as possible. Please contact David Ullrich our Executive Director at 312.201.4516 or david.ullrich@glslcities.org to move forward with this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Dickert, Chair
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Mayor of Racine, Wisconsin

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