

MEMORANDUM

December 22, 2006

To: Rachel Letzing

From: Bud Harris

Subject: Memo #11

The purpose of my November 28th memo was (is) to provide a framework by which a meaningful discussion of “sustainable withdrawals” can take place. In addition, pursuant to Section 14 (e); Each party shall annually report the information gathered to a Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River water use data base Repository...and (f) Information gathered by the parties shall be used to improve the sources and application of scientific information regarding the waters of the basin...

Therefore, given these conditions must be met within 5 years of the effective date of the compact, I propose that the Special Committee on the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact:

- (1) Recommend the establishment of a Strategic Data Acquisition Task Force (SDATF) and a Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to develop means of carrying out Section 14 (e) and (f) respectively.
- (2) Recommend that the SDATF and STAC specifically examine how the Great Lakes Observing System (GIOS) may serve as an appropriate overarching entity to fulfill the inventory, monitoring, and scientific assessment needs of the compact.

Additionally, I recommend that reference to “basin ecosystem,” “cumulative impacts,” and “water dependant natural resources,” be maintained as used in the compact.

Rachel,

Reformatting for your purposes is fine with me as long as the ideas get conveyed.

Thank you!
Bud.