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**From:** Battelle\EPA OCPD\Binational Executive Committee

**To:** Great Lakes Program and Monitoring/Research Managers

**Workshop Date:** January 29 - 30, 2002

**Regarding:** **Coordinating Monitoring Efforts Throughout the Great Lakes**

This letter provides logistical and registration information for the upcoming Binational Great Lakes Workshop, sponsored by EPA OCPD, being held at the W Chicago City Center Hotel in Chicago, IL January 29 - 30, 2002. This workshop, the first in a series, supports the Binational Executive Committee's request to bring together monitoring managers of the Great Lakes Community to begin a dialogue that will result in enhancing the coordination of monitoring on basin-wide and individual lake scales.

Two parallel workshops (one in the U.S., one in Canada) will be held to ensure adequate input from both sides of the border. Additional workshops are planned for the future to further discuss other portions of these topic and to develop an options paper for the Binational Executive Committee meeting in the fall of 2002. The first workshop will begin Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with check-in from 8:00 - 8:30am. The meeting will conclude on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> no later than 5:00pm. Attached please find a copy of the Draft Agenda. A final agenda will be provided ahead of time in the conference workbook.

This is an extremely important working/planning meeting for the coordination of monitoring efforts throughout the Great Lakes. Attendance and input by federal, state and provincial staff is very important in scoping out a process to move this issue forward, and providing vital feedback for the final options paper.

**? Hotel Reservations**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the W Chicago City Center Hotel for those needing to stay overnight. The block of rooms has been reserved for January 28 - 30 under the **Great Lakes Workshop**. The rate reserved under this room block is \$119.00 per night plus tax. Hotel reservations must be made by 5pm Central Time on January 7, 2002. Payment for hotel accommodations is the responsibility of each individual attendee. The hotel can be contacted for room reservations at:

**W Chicago City Center**  
**172 West Adams Street**  
**Chicago, IL 60603**  
[www.whotels.com](http://www.whotels.com)

**P: 1.877.whotels (946.8357)**

**F: 312.332.5909**

**Transportation:**

Airport

O'Hare Airport is approximately 15 miles away from the W Chicago City Center Hotel, Midway 7 miles.

Taxis

Taxis from O'Hare airport are approximately \$30.00 one way, and from Midway, the cost is roughly \$20.00 one way.

Shuttles

Airport Express offers shuttle service from both airports. Cost is \$20.00 for 1 person, \$15.00 for two people, and \$10.00 for three people.

Train

The "El" train is another alternative for transportation to and from the airports. They stop just two blocks from the W City Center Hotel and costs only \$1.50. The Amtrak Station is 3 blocks from the Hotel.

**? Workshop Registration Information**

Please complete the attached registration form and return it to Ms. Jennyfer Smith at the following address by January 1, 2002:

**Jennyfer Smith**

**Battelle**

**397 Washington Street**

**Duxbury, MA 02332**

**Fax Number 781/952-5369 or 781/934-2124**

If you have any questions regarding registration or logistical information please contact Jennyfer Smith of Battelle at 781/952-5398.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Coordinating Monitoring Efforts Throughout the Great Lakes**

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? I will attend the Great Lakes Program Workshop on January 29 - 30, 2002.

Please check each day that you will attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, January 29

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, January 30

? I will be staying at the W Chicago City Center Hotel. Note: Attendees are responsible for their own reservations.

Please check each night that you will be staying at the hotel.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, January 29

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, January 30

? I will not be staying at the W Chicago City Center Hotel.

Coordinating Monitoring Efforts Throughout the Great Lakes  
January 29-30, 2002  
Chicago, Illinois

**Purpose/Goal:** To begin a dialogue about developing a basin-wide monitoring inventory; to identify monitoring drivers and existing coordination mechanisms; and to discuss possible means of improving binational monitoring coordination.

## January 29, 2002

### Opening Remarks

#### *Workshop Purpose/Goal/Objectives*

- Need for and benefits of further coordinating monitoring
- Need for and uses of a basin-wide monitoring inventory (for example, at some future date, BEC wants a gap analysis to be done, comparing monitoring needs with monitoring programs)

#### *Overview of Monitoring vs. Assessment and Research*

### Monitoring Program Awareness

#### *Policy and Program Drivers of Monitoring*

This session will be a series of presentations (5-10 minutes each) by a panel to highlight the drivers for each of these initiatives (SOLEC; the LaMPs/Lake Huron Initiative; Binational Toxics Strategy; NACEC; IADN; GLFC; GLWQA; etc)

*Discussion: Has anything been overlooked?*

#### *Efforts to Catalog Great Lakes Monitoring Programs*

An overview presentation and analysis of efforts to inventory monitoring programs around the Great Lakes.

- SOLEC
- IJC Council of Great Lakes Research Managers Inventory
- Lake Superior Binational Program Monitoring Inventory
- Lake Michigan Monitoring Inventory
- Lake Erie LaMP Monitoring Inventory
- Lake Ontario LaMP Monitoring Inventory
- Lake Huron Initiative

*Discussion:*

- *What are the desirable attributes of an inventory in order for it to be useful for enhancing coordination of binational monitoring?*
- *What reporting and communicating mechanisms are necessary to improve awareness*

*of monitoring programs?*

### *Summary of Day 1*

**January 30, 2002**

## **Opening Comments and Highlights of Day 1**

### **Monitoring Coordination Mechanisms**

#### ***Keys to success and barriers of coordinated monitoring programs***

An overview of what coordinating mechanisms exist (basin-wide and lake specific); agencies involved; scope; approach; benefits and problems.

1. Basin-wide:
  - Great Lakes Fishery Commission
  - Integrated Atmospheric Deposition Network
  - Great Lakes Wetlands Consortium
2. Lake-specific:
  - Lake Michigan LaMP Monitoring Council
  - Lake Erie LaMP Millennium Project
  - Lake Ontario LaMP Coordinated Monitoring effort
  - Lake Superior LaMP Coordinated Monitoring effort
  - Lake Huron Initiative

A plenary session, with a representative from each coordinating body, with a question and answer period to follow.

#### ***What is not being coordinated? How to address this?***

Using the inventories, identify what monitoring is presently lacking a coordinating mechanism. What mechanism would you recommend to fill this gap? Given the numerous coordinating bodies responsible for various categories of monitoring, what strategy/mechanism would you recommend for a one-window approach to monitoring? This will be accomplished using breakout sessions, each focusing on a specific inventory. Each breakout group will report back on their findings.

## **Great Lakes Coordinated Binational Monitoring**

### ***Coordinated Monitoring: Where do we go from here?***

A facilitated discussion summarizing what has been discussed and various options to be considered, and set-up for the second workshop, which will present a draft options paper for consideration by the Binational Executive Committee addressing a process for development, maintenance and sharing of a basin-wide inventory; a compilation of monitoring needs; and proposals for improving coordination of monitoring.

